

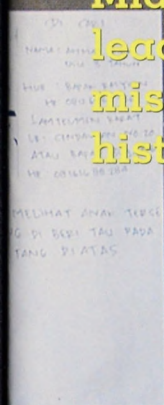
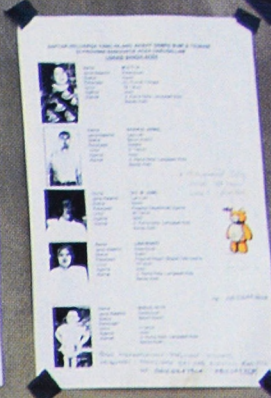
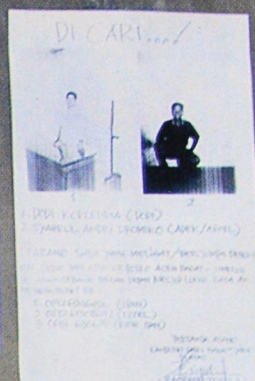
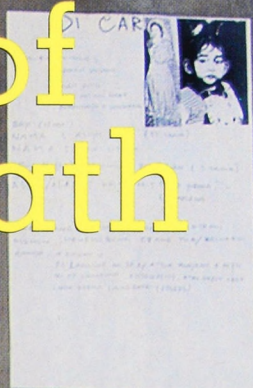
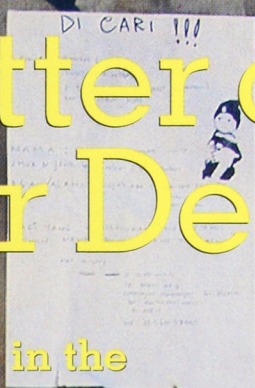
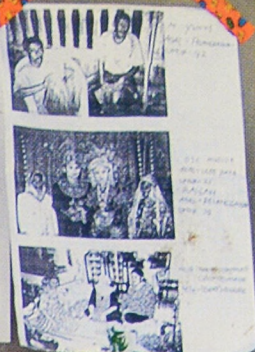
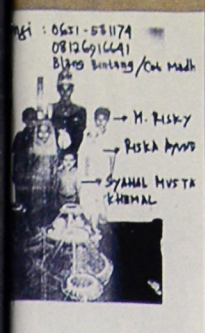
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A Journey Back

Piya Kashyap's weblog chronicles a trip to India
—and captures a literary prize.

LAST SUMMER, while reporting a story on the evolution of information gathering ("Modern Times," fall 2004), I had a lengthy discussion with Middlebury writing lecturer Barbara Ganley about the role of Weblogs, or blogs, in academic discourse. "It's only a matter of time," she said then, "before a student's blog wins one of the College literary awards."

When reminded of the statement this spring, Ganley laughs. "I knew it would happen," she says. "But I didn't think it would happen this soon."

Ganley proved prophetic this March when Piya Kashyap '07 was awarded the Alison Fraker Prize for her blog "A Journey Back," which chronicled the sophomore's travels in India during winter term. A first-generation American, Kashyap was enrolled in a creative writing independent study when she embarked on a month-long trip to India with her parents and brother on January 5. "A Journey Back" would be her chronicle of the experience, but it would also trace a far more meaningful journey—Kashyap's attempt to discover and trace her sense of self.

"Growing up in Ridgewood, New Jersey, I never really considered myself different," Kashyap wrote in an entry titled "Nerves." "My family was a lot more progressive than other Indian families, and my life at that time seemed pretty similar to all my Catholic friends. In all the insecurities and doubts that I struggled with through high school was that intense fear of being different. It wasn't that I was actively denying my roots, but I was far from embracing them."

"I want to develop a bond with India," she concluded, "with its great past, its millions of people, their customs, their stories, their traditions, but I know that I cannot force it. I want something in me to change, I feel like it is supposed to, and I am terrified that it won't."

"The magic of a blog is that you can catalog and express your thoughts in real time and share them with anyone who has access to the Internet," Ganley says. "But this is also what makes this form of writing so terrifying."

Indeed, Kashyap's writing becomes bolder and stronger as the month progresses; you can feel her confidence growing as she becomes more comfortable with her surroundings—and with her writing. As she travels from Bangalore to Cochin, Calcutta, and New Delhi, Kashyap not only catalogs the sights and sounds she encounters, but uses narrative to delve into deeper topics. "I have never been a religious person," she writes from Bangalore in an entry titled "Faith and Fear." "The idea of God has scared and puzzled me. I have doubted my capacity to believe. . . . Recently, I have experienced a longing to connect with the idea of faith; to find refuge in a higher being, a power, an energy. Being in India has intensified this desire inside of me."

Sitting in the Grille on a rainy March afternoon, Kashyap takes a moment to reflect on the experience. "I had never been in a situation where I was writing every day," she says. "And I was surprised at how much of an impact readers' comments had on my writing. Not only did the entries encourage me, but they brought up issues that might not have surfaced and allowed me to explore these avenues of thought and incorporate them into my writing."

"And that's what a blog can do," Ganley says. "It's a living document, and that's what makes the writing so rich. I think Piya would have won the Fraker, no matter what form she had chosen to use; her writing is that good. But a blog allowed her to do so much more. Not only was it exceptional writing, but it was exceptional *blogging*." —MJ

"A Journey Back" can be found at <http://mt.middlebury.edu/middblogs/pkashyap/India/>



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A Priceless Discovery

I absolutely loved Rachel Morton's story, "Murder She Wrote," in the winter issue. What riveting reading and awesome pictures! In a way that is universal, Liza Ward appears to search family photographs for clues to understand lost relatives and a time before she can remember. Singularly, she seeks to heal her family from the pain of a horrific tragedy. Discovering a gift for writing has helped her to accomplish both. It appears that her introduction to creative writing at Middlebury was the key to unlocking the secrets—both of her family history and of herself. This type of discovery is what the Middlebury experience is all about and can never be quantified in tuition dollars. It is truly priceless.

Carol Scarbeau Guidi '87
Red Hook, New York

Read All Over

I would like to commend you on the outstanding winter issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. I have read it cover to cover, which is something I haven't done in a long time—if ever in the 56 years since my graduation in 1948.

Among the highlights: Getting to know Ronald D. Liebowitz through his column, "Education's Paradox," and the cover story, "A Presidency Begins"; being inspired by "Leave It to Cleaver" and "7 Up"; and learning of the brutal murder of Liza Ward's grandparents and sensing the effect this had on the young novelist ("Murder She Wrote").

I especially liked the "Postcards from the Hill" photo spread. I am wondering if sometime in the future you might print photos of the old music studio on Chateau Road, the theater on Weybridge Street, the old Carr Hall, the ski jump on Chipman Hill, and the Field House when it was first constructed in 1948.

Marvin Holden '48
Middlebury, Vermont

Many Majors Valued

I respectfully disagree with President Liebowitz's assertion that a trend toward multiple majors amongst Middlebury College students would lead to an increasing number of narrowly educated graduates.



The beauty of a liberal arts education is its nuanced approach to learning. Students at the College should be educated both broadly and deeply, but this combination of breadth and depth can be approached from several perspectives. At Middlebury, matriculants must fulfill distribution requirements. An array of extracurricular organizations, lectures, and projects broadens students' horizons, and the residential Commons are supposed to foster close student interaction outside the classroom and across any four-year course of study. Academically, students should not be deterred from pursuing a single major embedded within a smorgasbord of multidisciplinary course work. Alternatively, students should be supported if they choose to favor a more vertical orientation in their studies via a double (or even triple) major.

Indeed, students pursuing detailed study in more than one discipline as multiple majors still achieve the breadth and depth of knowledge that their single-major peers obtain: Within a given major, the courses themselves are varied, no two professors are alike in their teaching style, and any diversity of course content demands adaptation and flexibility. Moreover, in transitioning from lower to

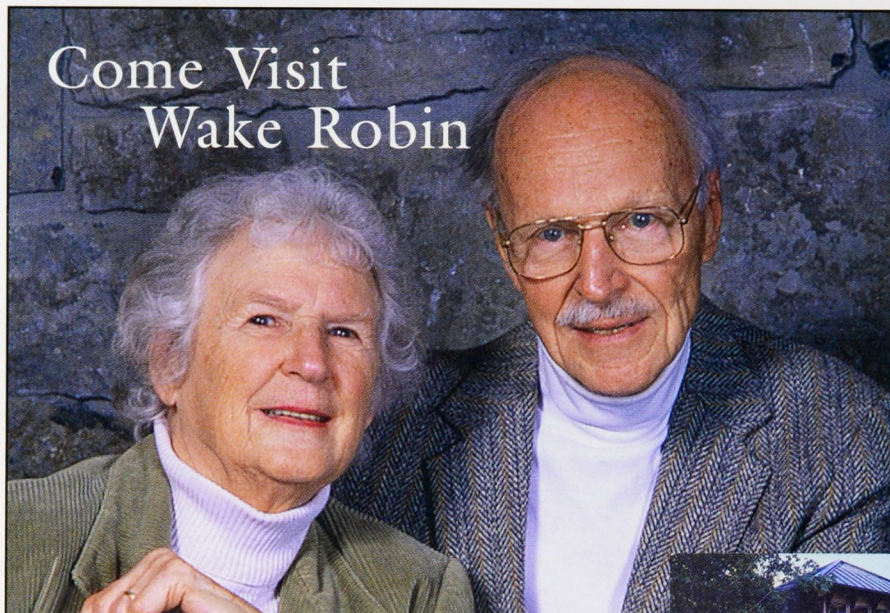
LITERARY DETECTIVE

Rachel Morton's profile of novelist Liza Ward '97 elicited several responses from readers who were moved by Ward's gripping portrayal of an event that struck close to home.

upper-level classes, students must show steady engagement as they tackle increasingly complex modes of knowledge gathering and analysis. If Middlebury students—as residents of the College and having fulfilled distribution requirements—are wrestling broad content and increasing complexity in not just one field, but in two or three subject areas, then the quality of their educational experience has not been sacrificed.

Our "College on the Hill" must be cognizant of its role in shaping intellectually curious, dedicated lifelong learners, who might someday participate as focused leaders in a demanding global workplace. Commitment in the academic arena—not to be confused with pure desire for short-term gain or fleeting expertise—should be seen as essential to developing such leaders. If that commitment sometimes assumes the mantle of a double or triple major in varied disci-

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plines, it should not be disparaged.

If a trend toward the pursuit of multiple majors is concerning to the College community, then we should ensure that our distribution requirements are rigorously met. A stimulating learning environment outside the classroom should be maintained and strengthened. We should challenge all students to critically examine their academic ambitions, and we should provide guidance as needed. Ultimately, though, "liberal" means "broad-minded," so Middlebury College should celebrate the ability of its students to craft their liberal arts education in alternative ways.

Christopher Sullivan '00
Essex Junction, Vermont

Details Do Matter

I'm writing this after reading Tad Gunkelman's article, "What Middlebury Doesn't Teach" (fall 2004).

He is right, of course, that we should never be content with learning dates and data. But they are the building blocks that we must use in going further, whatever the discipline.

He says that he doesn't have a clue about the date of the Treaty of Versailles, and he seems to feel that being asked to solve world hunger with a donkey, two circus performers, and a piece of used chewing gum is a more important demand to make of a student than knowing the date of the treaty.

I have to hope that he did learn that the treaty may well have set in motion much of what made the rise of Hitler, or another super-nationalist like him, almost foreseeable. Context does matter, because

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much of history shows the continuing dance of cause and effect. Saying that we don't care about details because we are more interested in the big picture and in creative solutions is tempting, but details do matter, even in the big picture. We need both, in balance, and I hope that Middlebury continues to teach both.

And Mr. Gunkelman himself does seem to be learning that if he ignores history, he may be condemned to repeat it. After all, he did plan to close his window.

Anne Palmer, M.A. French '86
Birmingham, Alabama

Separate but Equal

In response to Hart Peterson's letter (and subsequent editors' note) in the winter issue ("Recollections of W. Storrs Lee '28) regarding the existence of the Women's College at Middlebury: I matriculated at the Women's College at Middlebury in 1930 and graduated from Middlebury College in 1934. Men and women attended the same classes, used the same library, and went to the same daily chapel together, though on different sides of the aisle. Dormitories were of course segregated by sexes and fraternal societies. Footnote: During the years 1931-1933, sororities were dissolved, and then bloomed again with a new class of the wide-eyed.

Rosemary Faris Baer '34
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Habitat or Houses?

As a Middlebury faculty member, a Cornwall resident, and an adjoining landowner to the Foote property, I was



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surprised and dismayed to see the advertisement in the winter 2005 edition of *Middlebury Magazine* (p. 5) for "Building Sites for Classic Vermont Homes" on the Foote Farm. I think that alumni and friends of Middlebury College should know that not all residents in Cornwall are happy about this planned development of 22 new houses off Route 125. Many feel that it threatens to alter life in our small community forever.

As I write, approval for the project from the Planning Commission has not yet been given, and the Act 250 process has only just begun. Cornwall residents have voiced serious concerns about the following issues: the number and density of homes; the preservation of the clay plain forest and class II and III wetlands; and the impact on the diverse wildlife that lives in or near the project site. Larger mammals such as bobcat, beaver, or fisher will likely be lost; deer, fox, turkey, and rabbit may be forced from their natural habitat into areas where they will have to compete for limited resources.

I would like to apprise any Middlebury alumni who buy into this development that they will be entering a controversial situation and may not be welcomed wholeheartedly by all members of the local community.

Michael Katz,
C.V. Starr Professor of Russian
Cornwall, Vermont

Where's the Am Lit Discussion?

As a Middlebury graduate who majored in American literature, I am aware that the College community has been alerted to the current American literature situation by at least four articles in the undergraduate newspaper. I am equally aware that the alumni community has not been so alerted and am hopeful that *Middlebury Magazine* can inform alumni of the current American literature situation in your next issue.

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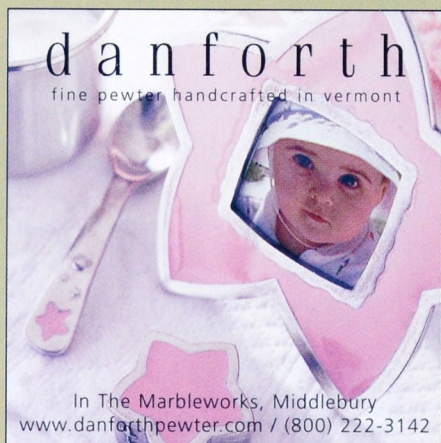
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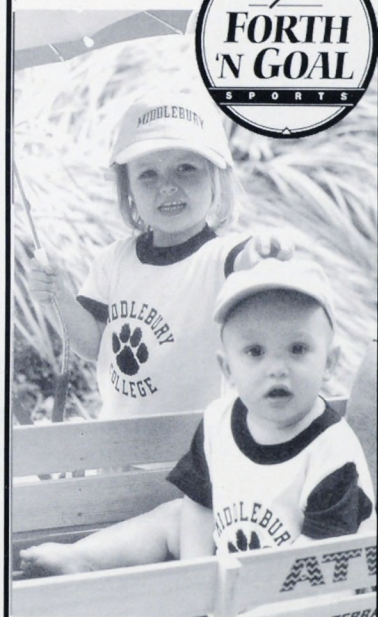
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Editors' Note: The situation that Mr. Freiberg speaks of—a proposal to merge the American Literature major and department with the English department and the creation of a separate American Studies major—is covered in this issue on page 14.

Grade Expectations

After reading Tim Johnson's fall story on the Language Schools, "The Foreign Student," I was inspired to write a letter to the magazine, expressing my own recollections that the story sparked. I ended up tearing it up, but after reading all the letters in the last issue, I decided to try again.

It was the summer of 1949, and I was enrolled in both intermediate and advanced French grammar classes. I wanted to study abroad in France the following year, but if I was to be eligible to go, I desperately needed to raise my proficiency. I didn't speak a word of French, and the pledge was in force.

One day, I asked my curmudgeon of a professor if things were going a little better. He asked if I was thinking of teaching. "Yes," I responded. His verdict, in French: *You'd do better to get married.*

As the summer drew to a close—exams, suspense!—I wondered if I would be eligible to study in France. I had lined up a plan B, study in Alaska, just in case, but it was not necessary. My grades were sufficient, and I made it to France.

Barbara Hendrian '50
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Renewing a Tie

From the Editors: From time to time, submissions to our letters section allow readers to

reconnect with an old friend—or even a mentor.

Robert Cornell's letter ("Dream Upon a Dream") in the fall issue was one such mis-sive. His recollections of a summer spent in the Japanese Language School struck a chord with a former teacher, who hadn't heard from his student since that summer of 1986. Through the magazine, he tracked down Robert Cornell; an excerpt from his letter follows:

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interest and nostalgic feeling. I believe I had you as a student in the 1986 session of the Japanese School. Eighteen years later, I am the new director of the Japanese School this summer. Your name brought back many fond memories from the 80s when I was a young instructor.

As for your perception of your progress, it is very common to suddenly realize that one has become better than before. Teachers see continuity in student's progress, but students themselves do not seem to see it that way. So, this step-like progress is a good way of describing one's own perception. I certainly felt the same way when I was studying English.

*Kazumi Hatasa
Director, Japanese School
Middlebury, Vermont*

Meritorious

From the Editors: We were thrilled to learn in early March that Middlebury Magazine has received an award of merit in the 40th Annual Design Competition sponsored by the Society of Publications Designers.

The winning entry was an illustration by Chris Buzelli that was commissioned for the

summer 2004 feature story "The Nature of Nurture." Buzelli's illustration was one of more than 7,000 entries judged by 66 of the leading publications design professionals.

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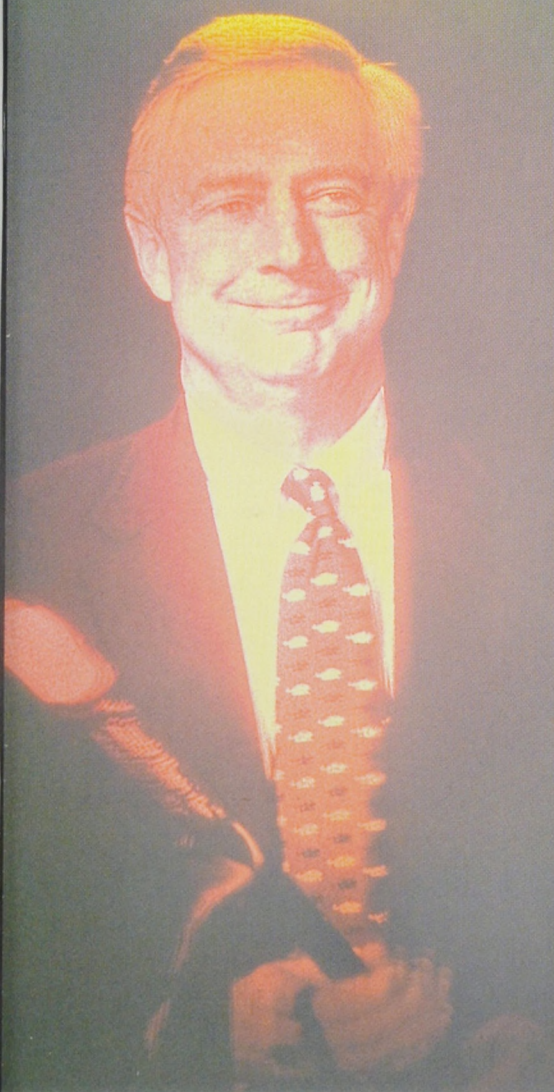
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Holographer John Perry (below
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M. McCardell Jr. teamed up to
create the first hologram-as-
official-portrait among American
college and university presidents.
Photograph by Dennis Curran



To Merge or Not to Merge

SHOULD CONRAD AND CATHER, Milton and Melville live under a collective roof at Middlebury?

That's the question the faculty's Educational Affairs Committee must answer. If affirmed, the faculty will cast a vote that could result in the most noteworthy rearrangement of the College's curriculum in nearly a century.

The committee is studying proposals that would abolish the Department of American Literature and Civilization and create two new departments and majors: a Department of American Studies and a Department of English and American Literatures. By merging the two, Middlebury's curriculum would no longer feature a stand-alone major in American literature, the only one of its kind in the liberal arts arena.

"The barriers between the two departments have seemed more and more artificial," explains Brett Millier, chair of the American literature and civilization department. "The reasons for the creation of a separate major are being challenged in the national field, which is rapidly moving toward cultural studies.

"I admire and respect my colleagues in the department," she adds, "but they are more focused on the study of American culture. I'm supporting the change because I want literature to be read as literature."

John McWilliams, who served as chair of the depart-

ment for 10 years, is opposed to the merger. "As the proposal stands, the study of American literature will be watered down to a handful of elective courses within the English department," he says. "The great advantage of the American Literature major has been the ability to offer comprehensive coverage for all students. That will no longer be the case."

McWilliams cites the facts that the new major would require a student to take only two courses in American literature, that no course or author would be required, and that it would be possible for a student to graduate with a major in English and American literatures "having not read one word of Faulkner, Emerson, Melville, Dickinson, or Twain."

However, Millier says that she has no worries that American literature will be "swallowed" by the English department. "By all estimates, there will be no reduction in

the number of courses offered in American literature at Middlebury," she says, a statement echoed by John Elder of the English department. "I respect the fact that the College has such a strong tradition in American literature; that's why we feel strongly that the major should be English *and* American literatures," Elder says, emphasizing that the initiative did not come from his department. "I can say with certainty that American literature will have a solid place in the curriculum."

Rather than diminishing the study of American literature, Millier says, the new major would offer students the opportunity to study literature in a wider context. Adds Elder, "American literature and English literature are so interwoven, it's a natural fit. You read Melville better if you've read Milton; you read Heaney better if you've read Frost."

Both Elder and Millier

argue that the students who will benefit most are those who want to pursue graduate studies in English or teach high school English, though Millier is quick to point out that she believes all students will benefit, regardless of graduate school plans.

McWilliams was one of two dissenters in the American literature and civilization department (the vote in the English department was 12-3 in favor of the change) and says that if the proposal becomes reality, he won't, as a College Professor, become a member of the new department. "If asked, I may teach a course in, say, Native American fiction because I'm interested in the subject," he says. "But this will be just another 'specialty' course thrown together in a hodgepodge of courses. The new major would surely offer many interesting courses, but it will not offer a curriculum in American Literature."



Quote/Unquote

“It’s a very strong majority with a very passionate dissent.”

—Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies John Elder, describing the 9–2 vote in the Department of American Literature and Civilization, which recommended that the department be renamed American Studies and that American Literature join English in a new Department of English and American Literatures.

Ask, Do Tell

WHEN MARINE CAPTAIN DAVID DOUCETTE ARRIVED on the Middlebury campus in early February, he became the first armed forces recruiter to visit the College in more than a decade, and his appearance set off a torrent of protest and debate that may alter the College’s policy concerning on-campus military recruitment.

Doucette was the first military recruiter to test the waters of the College’s nondiscrimination recruitment policy, which was written shortly after Middlebury adopted a nondiscrimination statement in 1991. As written, the policy requires employers recruiting on campus to sign an agreement pledging nondiscrimination in hiring. If they refuse to do so, a provision allows them to gain access to campus facilities only if they agree to hold an open meeting, explaining their hiring practices. Because of U.S. Code Title 10—the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy that prohibits openly gay individuals from serving in the military—the armed services must agree to hold an open forum on campus before they are allowed to recruit at Middlebury.

“We’ve been approached by military recruiters a number of times, but after we’ve explained our policy, they’ve elected not to come,” explains Jaye Roseborough, the executive director of the College’s Career Services Office. That is, until Doucette arrived.

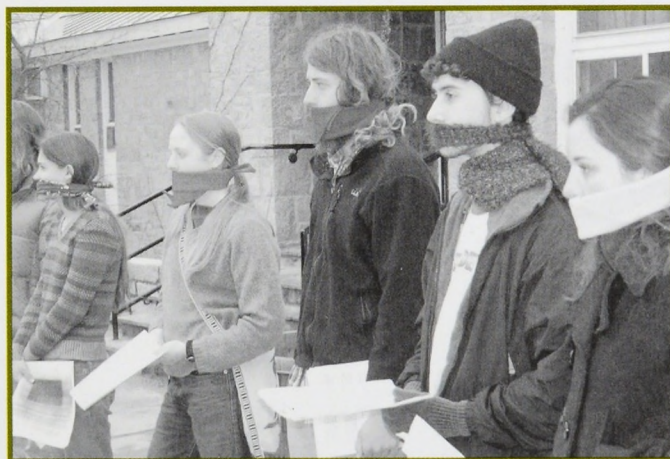
On a chilly Tuesday evening, Doucette faced a crowded lecture room in McCardell Bicentennial Hall, where he gave a 15-minute presentation explaining the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. He then answered questions for more than 45 minutes; all but one question in this respectful exchange was critical of the military’s anti-gay policy.

The next day, as Doucette set up an information table inside Proctor dining hall, a cohort of students, faculty, and staff gathered outside in silent protest. The following Monday at the faculty’s monthly meeting, Baldwin Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy Mike Olinick presented a resolution calling for the elimination of the special provision.

Olinick cited the Solomon Amendment—which a pair of federal judges recently ruled violates the free-speech provision of the First Amendment—as unduly influencing the College’s rationale for allowing on-campus recruiting by employers who discriminate. The amendment allows the government to deny federal funds to colleges and universities that do not permit the military to recruit on their campuses.

“Many faculty, students, and staff believe that the federal-court finding provides us with the opportunity to change our policy to one which is more consistent with our position on discrimination,” Olinick wrote in an e-mail to all faculty members before the February meeting. After an hour of intense debate, Olinick’s resolution passed, 62–48 (with four abstentions). Charles A. Dana Professor of Political Science Murray Dry, however, was one of the dissenters. He fears that a change in policy would have an adverse effect on the College, and that the risk of losing federal funding would be unacceptable.

“I think the current policy strikes the proper balance between our emphasis of nondiscrimination and allowing



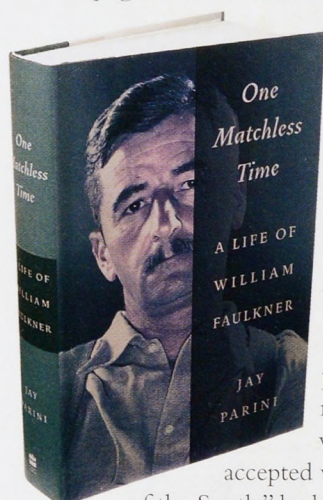
SOUND OF SILENCE
While a Marine recruiter manned an information table inside Proctor, a contingent of students, faculty, and staff engaged in a silent protest over the military’s “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

students to learn about opportunities in the military,” says Dry. “And I think that losing federal funds is a very real possibility,” adding that he believes the Supreme Court will uphold the Solomon Amendment. “The idea that

allowing the military to recruit on campus will somehow lead people to confuse the military’s nondiscrimination policy with the institution’s (which is the basis for the legal argument against Solomon) is mistaken. By requiring a separate forum, you are clearly demonstrating the differences in opinion on the matter between the military and the institution.”

Once Upon a Time in Oxford

WILLIAM FAULKNER'S ULTIMATE GOAL, according to English professor Jay Parini in his highly readable biography of the writer and man, was to "write something worthwhile." Given the unparalleled burst of inspiration that spawned such novels as *The Sound and the Fury* and *As I Lay Dying*, Faulkner more than admirably achieved his aim.



But Parini's *One Matchless Time*—Faulkner's own phrase for that prolific period from 1928 to 1942 during which he wrote nine novels and several Hollywood screenplays, as well as essays and short stories—is less about the already well-catalogued greatness and more about the personal and emotional journeys that nourished it. Parini offers a sympathetic portrayal of the oft-maligned artist who consistently prevailed in the face of criticism, not to mention a robust drinking habit. And while Parini, too, upholds the long-accepted view of Faulkner as the definitive "voice of the South," he brings more depth to the lifetime of facts by revealing a humanistic perspective of the man as well as the voice.

Indeed, the facts are not unknown. But Parini spins from them an engaging tale that reads more like a novel than a critical biography. His candid discourse is inviting as opposed to academically didactic, and he easily weaves scenic glimpses throughout—from young Bill as a perennial eavesdropper on the school playground to his afternoon rides on the family's Shetland pony; from the motherly affections of his adored

Mammy Callie to his budding friendship with mentor Sherwood Anderson; and, later, from a string of drunken revelries at home and abroad to the unsettled old age of an eccentric.

Parini's enthusiasm for his subject is contagious and, more than anything, serves as a reminder to those who have read Faulkner—and an invitation to those who have not—to celebrate the resonant prose for what it can teach us, not only about the author and his extraordinary sense of place and character, but also about ourselves. Yes, his voice is that of the "old South," but the deeply felt personal conflicts and intricate familial dynamics are universal and timeless.

Throughout his book, Parini reminds us that Faulkner must not be read but reread. I, for one, am ready to unshelve my own circa-'80s editions and see things anew from an older—and perhaps wiser—perspective.

—Blair Kloman, M.A. English '94

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

- *Civil Peace and the Quest for Truth: The First Amendment Freedoms in Political Philosophy and American Constitutionalism* (Lexington Books, 2004) by Murray Dry, Charles A. Dana Professor of Political Science
- *Genre and Television: From Cop Shows to Cartoons in American Culture* (Taylor & Francis Books, 2004) by Jason Mittell, assistant professor of American civilization and film and media culture
- *Music in Rural New England Family and Community Life, 1870-1940* (University Press of New England, 2004) by Jennifer Post, assistant professor of music
- *The Moral Theology of Roger Williams: Christian Conviction and Public Ethics* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004) by James Davis, assistant professor of religion

In Their Ears

To get a sense of what Middlebury students are listening to on their iPods these days, we thought we'd check to see what the 10 most popular Napster downloads were a few weeks into spring term. (Think Jamie Foxx's Oscar-winning portrayal of Ray Charles had any impact on student interest?)

RATING	ARTIST	ALBUM	TRACK
1.	Kelly Clarkson	Breakaway	Since U Been Gone
2.	50 Cent	Candy Shop	Candy Shop
3.	Ray Charles	Genius Loves Company	Here We Go Again
4.	Ray Charles	Genius Loves Company	You Don't Know Me
5.	Ray Charles	Genius Loves Company	Hey Girl
6.	Ray Charles	Genius Loves Company	Somewhere Over the Rainbow
7.	Green Day	Boulevard of Broken Dreams	Boulevard of Broken Dreams
8.	Ray Charles	Genius Loves Company	Do I Ever Cross Your Mind
9.	Modest Mouse	Good News for People Who Love Bad News	Float On
10.	The Killers	Hot Fuss	Somebody Told Me

Five Questions For...

KEVIN BUCKLAND '05

Buckland, an independent scholar studying comparative mythology, has organized a number of public arts projects at Middlebury, including projects in Carr, Forest, and Gifford Halls. He says his mural in PALANA (Pan-African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) House, where he lived last year, draws upon commonalities that he has found existing within the legends of many different cultures. "This relates to PALANA in that it focuses on our common humanity and the experiences we share as humans," he says.

1. WHY DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN MYTHS?

Because myth lies at the base of every culture, and the myth allows us to access our innate humanity as it existed before being defined by our culture. Everything's myth—it's just people making up ways to explain the world. It depends on how literal you want to get.

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN ART?

I've done art all my life. In high school I did a summer program at the Art Institute of Chicago, where I first began oil painting, my one true love in life.

3. WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO DO A MURAL ON THE WALL IN PALANA?

I am president of VACA (Vitality of the Artistic Community Association), which is a group aimed at bringing art into the lives of the community. I want to put an end to having white walls, because students don't learn anything by looking at white



ACCESSING HUMANITY

A student of comparative mythology, Kevin Buckland '05 wanted his PALANA house mural to illustrate legends that exist within myriad cultures.

walls. I've known I was going to paint it for about a year, so the mural's development was kind of an ongoing process.

4. COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE PALANA MURAL?

The mural begins with constellations from various cultures. People all over the world have gazed up at the stars and have created images and stories from them. And then there is an ocean—the biological origin of life—as well as

the primordial substance of biblical creation. Then there is a tree and the creation of land, which is based upon the ceiba tree, which in Mayan mythology was believed to have stood at the center of the earth and held the sky. In the tree are monkeys, and then the progression from monkey to man climbing the stairwell. On top of the stairs is man holding a burning stick, with fire being a symbol of man's ability to create—a form of godliness. Rising up the next level of stairs is a field of corn, representing man's move toward agriculture and civilization. A pyramid rises on the highest wall, representing man's connection with the

spiritual, which I believe to be the highest form of evolution.

5. ARE YOU PLEASED WITH THE RESULT SO FAR?

I am happy with how it's turning out. This is the first mural I've done myself, although I hope to continue muralism during the rest of my life. It's wonderful to be able to paint on the ceiling and eventually create an entire environment.

—Lindsey Whitton '05

Climate Conference Issues Global Warning

IN A DELICIOUS BIT OF IRONY, on the coldest week of the year, Middlebury found itself playing host to a conference about one of the hot-button environmental issues of our time: climate change. “I’ll tell you how I’m feeling this morning. I’m feeling cold,” quipped Bill McKibben, the author, activist, and Middlebury scholar in residence, who was one of a handful of environmental luminaries who headlined the conference entitled *What Works? New Strategies for a Melting Planet*. “It’s a testament to all of you that you’re willing to tackle this issue on a morning when it’s 30-below outside.”

What Works?, co-organized by Middlebury economics professor Jon Isham and independent consultant Sissel Waage, was the culmination of a January course taught by Isham, in which he encouraged his 20 students to devise strategies to grab public and political attention for an issue that seems far away to many. Indeed, John Passacantando, executive director of Greenpeace USA and a conference attendee, echoed Isham’s premise in an opening session: “Now, while attention has been moved away from the environment, is the time for developing new strategies and new skills. We need to take in all the data we can, and all the strategizing and theorizing. And then you need to throw it all out, and just try stuff.”

His remark captured the egalitarian spirit of the event, much of which was devoted to small and large student-run discussion groups—referred to more grandly for this purpose as World Café and Open Space Technology—the notion being that a grassroots movement should begin with ideas generated at the grassroots level.

And the ideas, ranging from the ethereal to the very concrete, were flying fast and furiously. Some of the participants wanted to talk about building bridges with other activist groups and convening another conference that would be more diverse. Others floated the idea of organizing a rally in Detroit this summer to press for the production of more hybrid cars and better use of existing technology to increase gas mileage in standard models.

“We need to develop a different way of looking at global climate change, both the problems and the solutions,” said Thomas Hand ’05 a few weeks after the conference. Hand was particularly impressed with a discussion moderated by Michael Shellenberger and Ted Nordhaus, the authors of a controversial essay (“The Death of Environmentalism”) that argued that environmentalism in its current incarnation is a failure, destined for the scrapheap of history. “For too long, we’ve been telling people what they can’t have and what they can’t do,” Hand said. “Well, that doesn’t really jibe with the ‘American spirit’—‘you

“It’s not your fault if you don’t solve this problem,” said McKibben, the author of the 1988 book *End of Nature*. “That realization is very useful because it frees you up to try anything and everything.”

can do anything’—does it? To really effect change, we have to gain the support of a far more diverse group than what we have now.”

To the extent that the conference boasted a celebrity, it would have been McKibben, who sprang to prominence in 1988 with his book *The End of Nature*. For the most part,

McKibben was seen and not heard throughout the three-day conference. However, he closed the gathering by warning attendees not to lose heart on the long road ahead.

THEN AND NOW
Environmental photographer Gary Braasch produced a “then and now” display for the conference. Pictured below is Austria’s longest glacier, The Pasterze, in the late 19th century and in 2004.



"It's not your fault if we don't solve this problem," said the author of such books as *Enough* (about genetic engineering) and *Long Distance* (about his year in training as an endurance athlete). "That realization is very useful because it frees you up to try anything and everything."

"I would say that the conference certainly exceeded my expectations—which were quite high," Isham said after the event. "My objective was to bring together a variety of leaders in the new climate movement—people based on campuses and in businesses and in a wide range of nonprofit sectors—in order for them to share, test, and build new climate strategies. I'm confident that this happened and that people came away feeling very energized about the whole thing."

McKibben, too, felt the conference was a smashing success, and he was quick to credit Isham and his students. "I thought it was the most invigorating conference I've ever been to," he said. "Jon Isham and the students were the core of the affair, and their energy sparked the national figures to think more deeply and urgently than is usual in such conclaves."

For his part, Hand has plans to put into action ideas he gleaned from the conference. The senior from Dorset, Vermont, is helping to assemble a Vermont climate coalition and has spearheaded a group on campus—informally known as the Sunday Night Group—that meets weekly (on Sunday night, of course) to discuss climate-change issues. The Sunday Night Group has been drawing 50-odd people, and Hand is thrilled that the meeting has attracted attendees who are not members of any of the traditional environmental groups at Middlebury. "Here we are, reaching beyond the usual cohort," Hand explained. "This inclusiveness, this pairing of nontraditional partners, is key, I think, to establishing a coherent voice that can address problems that affect all of us."

"We're attempting to simulate on campus what we hope to do in the world outside Middlebury. So far, it's a good start."

—Sally West Johnson '72



Happy Centennial

A hearty happy birthday to the *Middlebury Campus*. The College's student-run newspaper of record turned 100 this year. The first edition of the *Campus* was published in February 1905.

Planning Ahead

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR MIDDLEBURY'S FUTURE is well into an intense yearlong effort to develop a plan that will guide Middlebury over the next six years. The plan "will focus renewed attention on Middlebury's core mission: to provide the strongest learning environment for the talented young people who choose to study here," said President Ronald D. Liebowitz in December, when he appointed a steering committee and 11 task forces to oversee the process.

Many alumni and parents have already responded to letters that President Liebowitz sent out in January, inviting their participation. "We have

received thoughtful and occasionally provocative advice and perspectives," says John Emerson, dean of planning. He adds that a survey will be mailed to alumni and parents in April to collect more information about their views. (An online version is available at the planning Web site at www.middlebury.edu/administration/planning.) "The survey addresses broad issues and is intended to gather information about what alumni and parents value most about the Middlebury educational experience," Emerson explains. "This information will provide useful perspectives for the steering committee, as it reviews the task force reports."

Farewell to Walter Bookner '37

AS THE MAGAZINE WAS GOING TO PRESS, we received word of the death of Walter Bookner '37, vice president emeritus of the College, who passed away March 30. A member of the College's administration from 1956 until his retirement in 1981, Bookner gave tirelessly of his time and his talents on behalf of the College. A complete obituary will appear in the magazine's summer issue. A note to the Middlebury community about Bookner from President Ronald D. Liebowitz is available online at www.middlebury.edu/bookner.



[Syllabus]

COURSE Black Chicago

DEPARTMENT American Literature and Civilization

INSTRUCTOR Associate Professor Will Nash

COURSE DESCRIPTION This course examines the development of Chicago's African-American community and explores the evolution of black cultural forms in the city. Drawing on texts from history and sociology, we will work to understand how and why the black community grew as it did. In the context of that analysis, we will also consider the music, literature, and visual art associated with black Chicago.

READING LIST

- Spear, Allan, *Black Chicago: The Making of a Negro Ghetto*
- Grossman, James, *Land of Hope: Chicago, Black Southerners, and the Great Migration*
- Tuttle, William, *Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919*
- Kenney, William, *Chicago Jazz: A Cultural History, 1904-1930*
- Hirsch, Arnold, *Making the Second Ghetto: Race and Housing in Chicago, 1940-1960*
- Wright, Richard, *Native Son*
- Brooks, Gwendolyn, *Blacks*
- Hansberry, Lorraine, *A Raisin in the Sun*
- Greenlee, Sam, *The Spook Who Sat by the Door*
- Grazian, David, *Blue Chicago: The Search for Authenticity in Urban Blues Clubs*

NASH SAYS Several years ago, I received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to begin a research project on how African-American artists in Chicago respond to their particular regional-historical context. I hoped to identify patterns of response that are demonstrably connectable to what's going on in the city at the moments the artists were working. In other words, I wanted to know "What's so Chicago?" about these artists' works. I've discovered some ways that the African-American arts scene in Chicago differs significantly from parallel occurrences in other major American cities. For instance, Chicago was home to the only Black Arts Movement-era writers' workshop to sustain itself for more than a decade. Even more interesting to me, the gender politics of that group are much different from what one sees in the major writers' workshops in New York, which some view as the cradle of the Black Arts Movement.

STUDENT ELLEN WHELAN-WUEST '06 SAYS This class was one of the most socially and culturally relevant classes I've taken at Middlebury. Professor Nash balanced the dynamics of the class incredibly, incorporating interesting, challenging readings with stimulating and controversial class discussions. I walked away feeling like I'd been a part of a community and not just an American civilization class.

Game Night

For the second consecutive year, the Middlebury men's and women's hockey teams were skating for national championships on the same March evening. Middlebury Magazine was on hand for the men's title game at the College's Chip Kenyon Arena, while closely monitoring the women's efforts 300 miles away in Elmira, New York. What follows is a chronological account of the evening:

6:45 Fans continue to stream into The Chip for the 7:00 start. The concession stand is doing a brisk business selling hot dogs and miniature pizzas. The Midd student who bears a flowing Panther banner on a mast takes a warm-up lap—trailed by a gaggle of youngsters, Pied Piper-style—around the concourse.

6:52 Middlebury takes the ice, and the crowd erupts. St. Thomas, clad in purple, follows seconds later, and a contingent of Tommie fans from Minnesota attempt to add their voices to the din in the arena.

6:57 The starting lineups are

announced; all but one Panther starter is a freshman or sophomore.

7:00 The puck drops on the 2005 national title game.

7:01 Freshman goalie Ross Cherry '08 makes his first save at the 19:12 mark.

7:02 First "You wear purple" chant emanates from the Middlebury student section.

7:14 The roof almost lifts off The Chip as Middlebury gets on the scoreboard first, when Mickey Gilchrist '08 slips the puck past the St. Thomas goalie with 10:35 left in the first period.

7:27 2-0, Panthers. Patrick Nugent '05 blasts home a



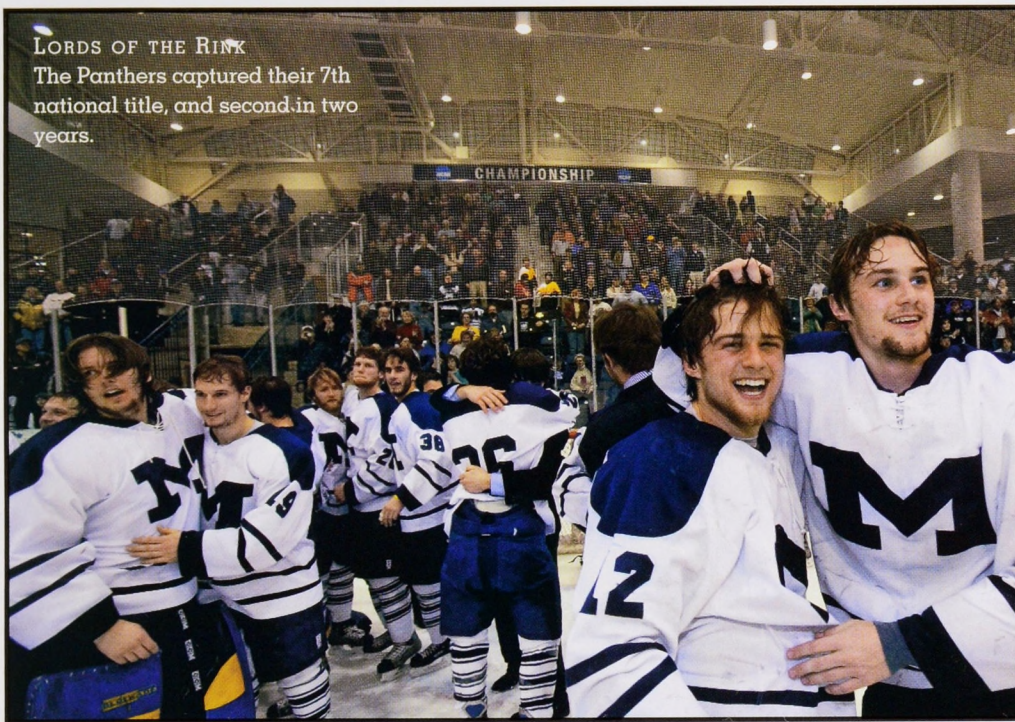
Did You Know?

Bill Mandigo became the all-time leader in wins among NCAA women's hockey coaches when the Panthers topped Colby, 5-3, on February 12. With his 295th win, the 17-year head coach replaced former Providence and Yale head coach John Marchetti in the record books.

In coaching the Panthers to its second consecutive national title, Mandigo finished the season with 302 career victories. In addition, the Panthers became just the third team in the history of the women's Division III tournament to win a game on the road—and the first team to win a championship away from home ice.

LORDS OF THE RINK

The Panthers captured their 7th national title, and second in two years.



power-play goal with 3:18 left in the opening period.

7:33 Intermission. The line at the concession stand is at least 30 people deep. Official attendance is announced as 2,165.

7:49 At the start of the second period, the public address announcer informs the crowd that the Middlebury women's team has evened the score with Elmira in the second period of the national title game. Three hundred miles away from the action in Elmira, 2,000+ Middlebury fans in The Chip erupt.

8:01 Forward Levi Doria '05 delivers a hard check on a Tommie, propelling the player into the boards right in front of the Panther student section. A young man with his face painted blue and white bellows: "Levi Doria, you're my hero!"

8:06 With 9:00 left in the second period, John Sales '07 nets an unassisted goal, and Middlebury leads 3-0.

8:12 Fans start the first "Wave" of the evening, a sure sign that things are going well.

8:21 In the Zamboni room just off the ice, Butch Atkins

readies his rig for his second intermission run.

8:25 The first nail enters the coffin. With just five seconds left in the second period, John Sales rockets home his second goal of the game, giving Middlebury a 4-0 lead.

8:41 The Middlebury women have taken a 3-2 lead in upstate New York, and the score is announced to the delight of the partisan crowd.

8:46 In the press box, Director of Athletic Communications Brad Nadeau opens his laptop and starts to bring up championship stats that he had researched earlier in the day. After rattling off a few, he simply gestures at the screen for his final fact: three of Middlebury's six championships have come by shutout. Apparently, he doesn't want to jinx the freshman net-minder by saying this out loud.

8:54 5-0, Panthers. Darwin Hunt '07 nets a short-handed goal, with an assist from Brian Phinney '05. The crowd goes wild, but no one is more excited than the cluster of fans sporting Hunt sweaters in the

section behind the Middlebury bench.

8:56 News from Elmira. After Middlebury had taken a 4-2 lead, Elmira sliced the margin in half with five remaining.

9:02 A phone rings in the press box. Nadeau answers. Silence for a few seconds, then "It's over?" He smiles.

9:04 The home crowd learns that the women have won in Elmira. Pandemonium.

9:12 With 1:00 remaining in the men's national title game, the fans in The Chip stand in unison and start cheering and clapping. On the Middlebury bench, players begin to hug, and Bill Beaney cracks his first smile of the evening.

9:13 The horn sounds. Mickey Gilchrist leaps into the arms of his classmate Ross Cherry, and soon the rest of the team piles on in front of the Panther net. Cherry has secured the shut out and the Middlebury men's hockey team has captured its seventh national championship.

9:21 More than three-quarters of the fans remain for the awards ceremony. Senior

captains Brian Phinney, Levi Doria, and Patrick Nugent receive the 2005 trophy and, as the rest of the team gathers behind them and Queen's "We Are the Champions" blares from the sound system, they begin a slow skate around the ice.

9:31 Just outside the Middlebury locker room, a group of former Panthers congratulate Beaney. Last year's captain, John Dawson '04, grabs the Middlebury coach in a bearhug.

9:46 Cherry, Sales, Phinney, and Beaney file into the press room. Beaney looks stoic, but pleased; Cherry appears stunned; Sales is all smiles; and



TWICE AS NICE

Captains Kate Kogut '06 and Jackie Cohen '05 led the Panthers to its second consecutive title.

Phinney has tears welling in his eyes and streaming down his cheeks.

10:01 As the press conference wraps up, some 300 fans patiently wait for players to ascend the stairs to the athletic complex's main level. Some wait for autographs, others to offer their well wishes. All are intent on celebrating the Panthers seventh national title.

For more hockey coverage, visit www.middleburymagazine.org

King of Comedy

After playing the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, what will Jeff King '06 do for an encore?

BY MATT JENNINGS

THE STUNT WOULD HAVE LANDED JEFF KING '06 IN JAIL just about anywhere else in the world.

Wearing a fluorescent industrial-yellow T-shirt and brandishing a meat cleaver, the 21-year-old playwright chased friend and actor John Stokvis '05—clad only in boxer shorts, with “fresh meat” written in Magic Marker across his chest—through the streets of Edinburgh, Scotland, in a slow-motion sequence that seemed to be yanked from an exceptionally dark Bugs Bunny cartoon. Yet the “chase,” a 40-minute, inch-by-inch affair down the city’s Royal Mile, drew bewildered stares, laughter, and applause, but not a hint of a siren or blue-and-white lights. Far from being criminal, the ploy was another brilliant idea hatched by the young man behind *How to Lock Up*, *Talk Down*, and *Get Things Done*, King’s one-act play that debuted last August at the infamous Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

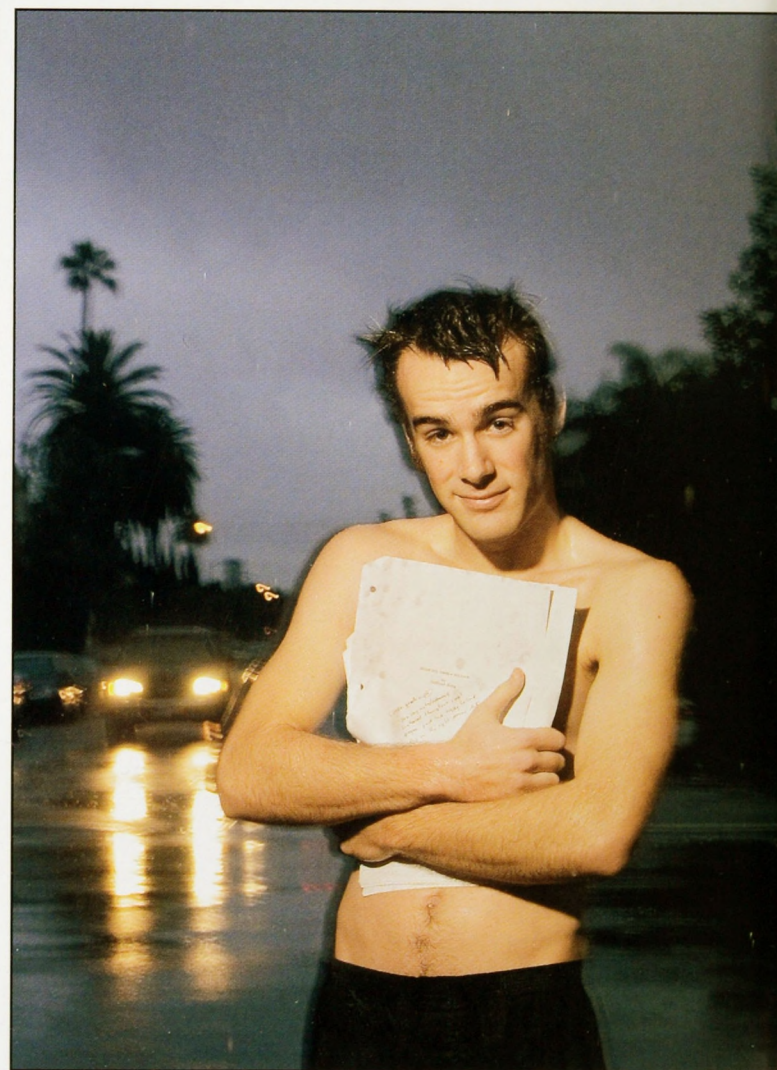
“At the Fringe, it’s all about being noticed, driving audiences to your play,” King says of his marketing escapades, which also included duct-

taping practically naked actors from his theatre troupe to utility poles along the Mile and showering outdoors in the rain.

More than 1,700 plays compete for attention at the Fringe Festival, an event that swells the population of Edinburgh from 300,000 to more than one million during the month of August, and King was intent on making a splash in his debut. The stunts seemed to work. At a festival where the average audience size is four people, *How to Lock Up* averaged more than 25 a show and filled nearly 70 seats for one performance. Yet to attribute the show’s success to savvy marketing alone would grossly shortchange the play. Word travels fast at the Fringe, and if King’s play had been a dog, the marketing force of Madison Avenue couldn’t have put fannies in the seats for a month’s run.

Hailed by the *The Scotsman*, Scotland’s national newspaper, as “amusing and blackly surreal,” *How to Lock Up* features a man who picks up dates at funerals, an excitable female realtor with cannibalistic tendencies, a man who hears voices in his head, his sex-starved wife, an antique trunk, and a meat cleaver.

“It was unlike any other



theatre production I had ever performed,” says Stokvis, who played the schizophrenic man. “Right away, when I first read it, I thought, this is going to be different.” He chuckles. “I had no idea *how* different it would be.”

TAKING TINSELTOWN
After a Middlebury alum helped him land a plum Hollywood internship last January, King took his act to Hollywood, where he received rave reviews.

■ Jeff King looks the way you'd expect a young playwright to look. He wears glasses and has tousled hair that seems to be tousled just right. Hoop earrings dangle from each ear, and since returning from a monthlong internship with a production company in Los Angeles, he's allowed a Vermont-respectable beard to fill in. On a chilly day

influences (Samuel Beckett, Michael Frayn), the topic of his first full-length screenplay (a romantic comedy about a paparazzo with a crush on Sandra Bullock), and why he refuses to use outlines in his work ("I believe in my characters, and I don't want to presuppose the ending. What if a character doesn't want it to end that way?").

King is a geography major,

the phone to Middlebury, enlisting the help of his girlfriend, Courtney Matson '06, and Stokvis to assemble a cast and director. The company, whimsically named Loose Elephant Theater, had just six months to raise \$11,000 and less than *six weeks* to rehearse the play once the crew was able to assemble in June.

"Looking back on it, I can't believe we pulled it off,"

ophrenic thinks that the voice emanating from the trunk isn't coming from the trunk at all; he believes it's in his head.

"The entire play is so tightly written . . . it's strangely logical, it's funny, the plot is constantly advanced," Stokvis says. "And in this scene, the comedic tension is heightened to such a great degree. The beauty of the farce is how close Jeff comes to breaking the individual assumptions—the assumption of my character who thinks the voice is in his head; the assumption of the guy in the trunk who thinks the guy on the outside can't find him. Jeff's so good at getting that extra laugh."

Since his experience in Scotland, King says he no longer "writes for fun," which is a fairly heavy statement coming from a college junior. He explains it this way:

"Everything I write, I want to see it through. That's not to say I expect every play to be produced or every screenplay shot. I understand there is a lot of rejection involved, but I no longer want to write just to write. There has to be an objective, a mission."

He's working on another screenplay, one that's "more me," he says. It's about four guys who work as mascots at Disney World, and it's far darker than the romantic comedy vehicle for Sandra Bullock. Think Tarantino, rather than Bridget Jones.

"Jeff definitely has a dark sense of humor, a dark way of viewing the world," Stokvis says. "But it's a dark *optimism*, which is somewhat unusual. Jeff imagines these crazy situations, but in the end there is a ring of truth and a sense that everything works out."

"And when it comes right down to it, he's one of the most sensitive people I know. 🐾

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which only helps his career aspirations, he believes. "Everything I've done in geography is writing and reading intensive," he says. "I've learned how to evaluate information and communicate well. If you apply that to storytelling, it's the same thing: How do you say something concisely and intelligently?" One of seven interns working for a Hollywood production company in January, King was the only one who wasn't a film major. "Yeah," he laughs, "they [the other interns] couldn't believe it. But I found that being able to look at projects analytically really made a big difference."

King was studying in Spain last spring when he learned that *How to Lock Down* had been accepted at the Fringe Festival. After receiving the news, he was immediately on

Stokvis says. "But Jeff's personality—this dark, funny personality infused with a can-do spirit—rubbed off on everyone and got us through it."

"There were so many things that could have derailed us," he continues. "We had to replace a cast member in June; the trunk—the *one* prop we couldn't do without—was shipped to Moscow and didn't arrive in Edinburgh until the day of our dress rehearsal. It never fazed Jeff. It probably should have, but it didn't."

■ There's a scene in *How to Lock Up* in which the funeral cad is locked in the antique trunk (by the realtor who plans on carving him up with the cleaver) and is trying to get the schizophrenic guy to let him out. They're the only two in the room, but there's one major problem: the schiz-

in February, he's wearing a T-shirt under a pinstriped suit jacket, cargo pants with a long pocket chain, and red, white, and blue bowling shoes.

While eating a buffalo chicken wrap in the Grille, King riffs on his theatrical

The Real World

Jessica Holmes injects her economics courses with a dose of reality.

BY MELISSA PASANEN

IT WAS THE FIRST WEEK OF SPRING SEMESTER, and room 506 in Warner was filling up. “Which class is this?” asked a student peering into the room. “Public Finance,” someone responded. The student in the doorway backed out with a grimace, “As fascinating as that sounds. . . .”

That same student wandering into class just a week later might have been tempted to stay, if only to find out why assistant professor of economics Jessica Holmes was dealing out a deck of cards. On her curriculum vitae, Holmes still lists a long-ago summer job as a casino pit boss, but this was no game of blackjack. For seven rounds, every student received two black and two red cards and had to donate two, face down, to a central pot. Black cards held no value. Students could keep the red cards for earnings of up to \$4 each, or contribute red cards to the pot, where they were worth just \$1, but every player also earned the value of the pot. A final prize went to the player with the highest total earnings, a student who had chosen to keep every red card he was dealt. “I’m rewarding the free-rider,” Holmes observed dryly as she

launched a Pez candy dispenser to his corner seat.

“This is the social dilemma of public goods,” Holmes summarized briefly. “There is a conflict between the incentive to free-ride and the social incentive to contribute towards the public good. In the game, an individual maximized his personal earnings by not contributing, but total earnings for the class would have been maximized had everyone contributed fully.” You cannot prevent people from receiving the benefits of public goods, Holmes continued, even if they don’t pay their share. “That is why the government typically provides goods like national defense and police protection, and finances them through taxes.”

The card game is an example of how Holmes works to bring economic theory to life. Tongue firmly in cheek, she has dubbed her approach, “reality economics.” “I like to integrate the real world into the classroom as much as I can, as often as I can,” she says. Whether she’s teaching introductory microeconomics, the economics of social issues, or health economics and policy, Holmes uses every opportunity to get students directly involved and



invested in how economics relates to real people facing real issues. “It’s just another way to study human behavior,” she explains.

Holmes sends students out to do field interviews with those on the front lines: teen

HEALTH ECONOMICS
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mothers, pharmaceutical sales reps, the director of a local homeless shelter. She welcomes guest speakers whose work demonstrates theories in action. On a recent plane trip, she drafted her seatmate, the director of research and development for Ben & Jerry's, to come speak to her microeconomics class. She assigns op-ed pieces on high-profile topics, awarding extra credit to students whose letters are published.

character. For a debate on importing drugs from Canada, for example, the roles included a Canadian pharmacist, an elderly U.S. resident, economist Milton Friedman, and Vermont congressman Bernie Sanders. "Some students even dress up and get into it," says Carrie Nazzaro '05, who played a spokesperson for a pharmaceutical trade group in last semester's debate. "It helps you understand the different points of view."

in an article from today's newspaper and explain how it relates to what we've been studying that week."

Holmes returned to academia from the private sector because she missed teaching and also because she wanted to pursue her own research interests. Her dissertation had explored factors that influenced the years of schooling completed by children in Pakistan, following the "human capital" approach of

asymmetric relationship with consumers (a situation in which one party has far more information than the other). There's also an unparalleled level of trust and risk, she says, because the stakes are so high. "It's just like taking your car in," she acknowledges, "but you can buy a new car."

Holmes has researched factors influencing childhood health outcomes in Pakistan and will undertake a comprehensive analysis of free health care clinics during a sabbatical next year. "I'm interested in safety nets," she says, "in figuring out what policies can be most efficient and cost-effective, what are the best uses of society's resources."

A few weeks into the public finance course, students divided into groups to debate the efficiency of one such safety net. "You can't open the paper these days without seeing something on the privatization of Social Security," Holmes said by way of introduction. During a spirited discussion, students spouted statistics, argued if England's and Chile's privatization experiences could be compared to the U.S., and disagreed about whether Alan Greenspan's opinion was really bipartisan. "I frankly see that people at the bottom of the income spectrum could get hurt the most," one student challenged. "How does this plan make sure they can take advantage of these new investment options?" "If someone asks you if privatization is safer than the current system, what do you say?" asked another. The debate ended with a split decision. What could be more real life than that? 🐾

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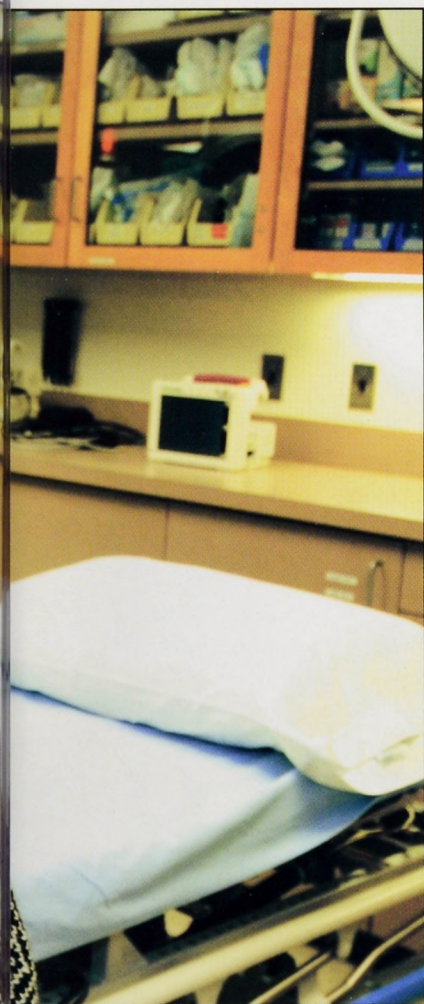
Holmes is writing a chapter for a book on undergraduate research in economics in which she encourages professors to assign economic research projects that have been solicited from the greater college or university community. In other words, Holmes says, let students become economic consultants for these external clients.

"Good teachers go beyond the textbooks, and Jessica does that well," says economics department chair David Colander. "She makes the analysis come alive."

Lisa Trebino '05 has taken five classes with Holmes and says that with Holmes "it's never just a graph on the board. She applies every fact and every figure to the real world. For instance, she'll bring

Nobel Prize-winner Gary S. Becker. Becker assigned value to human competence and investments in that competence, and built models that addressed realms previously considered beyond the sphere of economic analysis, such as racial discrimination. The results of such research, Holmes saw, could help build better public policy. "I'm interested in economics," she says, "but I'm even more interested in how economics can inform policymakers."

Health care economics is an area in which Holmes sees many opportunities to affect policy. The health care market does not conform to standard economic models, she explains. Providers possess a huge amount of expertise, which creates an exceptionally



Holmes also stages "town meetings" in class, in which students discuss and debate topics such as school vouchers, drug legalization, and universal health care. Each student is assigned a role to play and will conduct research based on the

Engaging Intellect

Building a stronger intellectual community at Middlebury

BY PRESIDENT RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ



AS THE 11 TASK FORCES of the College's strategic planning process work toward offering their preliminary recommendations, one issue seems to permeate many of their discussions: the quality of Middlebury's intellectual community. In fact, this issue has been under consideration on our campus for some time.

Several years ago, some faculty organized discussions to find out why, in their view, students, faculty, and staff seem to come together less frequently today to exchange ideas freely than they did in the past. That campus-wide conversation continued this spring, when Dean of the College Tim Spears organized three open meetings on the subject, each with a panel of faculty and students offering comments, followed by discussion among those on hand.

The most common theme to emerge from these meetings was that today, unlike years ago, faculty, staff, and students simply don't have the time to reflect on all they teach or learn, or on the major issues of the day. Everyone is too busy to find

time for reflection. Student schedules are full with what were described as more rigorous or demanding course expectations than yesterday, along with participation in a greater slew of cocurricular programs (athletics, student organizations, volunteer work, etc.). Faculty and staff schedules were also described as fully booked, either because of higher expectations for faculty to publish in order to be promoted or because of increased bureaucracy that has come with growth and technological innovation.

One can't argue with the observation that students and faculty on our campus are very busy. And there is no administration more focused than mine on cutting through the intellectually deadening load of "busyness" by finding ways to free up faculty from tasks beyond teaching, research, and mentoring students, by encouraging students to choose wisely among the panoply of learning opportunities and activities capturing their time and attention, and by releasing the bureaucratic restraints preventing staff from taking a more active and rewarding role in the intellectual life of the campus.

But to really solve the

problem, we need to understand that this is hardly a Middlebury issue. If one follows trends and discussions on campuses across the country, one would see this need—to increase the meaningful engagement between and among students, faculty, and staff on campus, to encourage members of our community to reach into new areas, with one's existing ideas challenged, and newly learned materials engaged and discussed—generating concern at every kind of institution of higher education.

This, perhaps, is the bad news: a perception that on college and university campuses across the country the quality of intellectual engagement is in decline. But why has intellectual community weakened on college campuses in recent decades? In large part, it is because changing standards of performance facing faculty have had a powerful impact on the intellectual climate on college campuses. Within the academy at large, the determinants of success for faculty today are tied more closely than in the past to a faculty member's contribution to ideas specific to one's discipline. A vibrant intellectual community

requires the integration of the specific knowledge made possible by strict disciplinary boundaries with the energetic engagement of ideas that are much bigger and broader than any one discipline. Yet, the professional incentive system for faculty skews one's work toward the narrow and specific, with less attention to the broad and general.

As faculty engage their

likely engage those big ideas more readily and naturally if the linking of what faculty are doing in relation to those ideas were more apparent.

The current sense on campuses, then, that there are weakened intellectual communities, stems less from the interests of students, as many would argue, than from the pressures exerted by the academy. The result is the

not have the various cultural and intellectual amenities of an urban environment to absorb and nurture their intellectual energies. Therefore, faculty members at Middlebury are naturally encouraged to reach out to each other, beyond disciplinary identities, in creating their various intellectual communities.

Combine this geographical context and scale for building

nary innovation with big ideas—we have the opportunity to take the lead in addressing the issue of intellectual community on the national stage of higher education. To do this, faculty need to encourage members of the community to take risks in expressing viewpoints that further the debate, discussion, and understanding of the broad implications of their scholarship.

Our year of planning would be less consequential than it should be if we examined how best to improve the vibrancy of intellectual life on campus without recognizing our specific strengths in this area—qualities that that deserve much more attention as strengths than they have received so far. 🐾

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colleagues within their disciplines on issues that appear to outsiders to be somewhat arcane, with little incentive to link their specialized knowledge to education broadly defined, it becomes more difficult to create a vigorous on-campus intellectual community. We need to remember that the overwhelming majority of our students are not studying history or biology or anthropology to join the professoriate. Rather, they are engaging new ideas through one particular discipline as part of their pursuit of a liberal arts education—of becoming broadly educated. Thus they are not as fascinated by what appear to most of them to be narrow issues within a field, no matter how important those issues are; students remain interested in big ideas, and would most

stifling of discussion among colleagues across disciplines, and with the wider community at large.

The good news is that Middlebury's geographical isolation and small size, combined with our faculty's deeply felt commitment to undergraduate teaching, are distinctive advantages in the face of this nationwide challenge. In large universities, colleagues can easily find a critical mass of academics with whom to find their own intellectual community. This is not solely on account of the number of faculty and students at an institution, but also because larger institutions are often part of national and worldwide networks of large research consortia that offer multiple points of contact. In addition, geographic isolation means that our faculty does

intellectual community with the distinctive disposition of the Middlebury faculty to take undergraduate education very seriously, and our comparative advantages for creating a rich intellectual community become even more apparent. For certain types of scholars—Middlebury's faculty at its best—being forced to put their specialized knowledge in a larger context of big ideas, in a rich cross-disciplinary way, improves their scholarship and increases the likelihood for innovation in their own disciplines. It also happens to be the key to inspiring a vibrant intellectual community beyond the classroom.

If we are able to capitalize on these two advantages—our need to rely on each other for intellectual engagement, and the distinctive talents of our faculty at integrating discipli-

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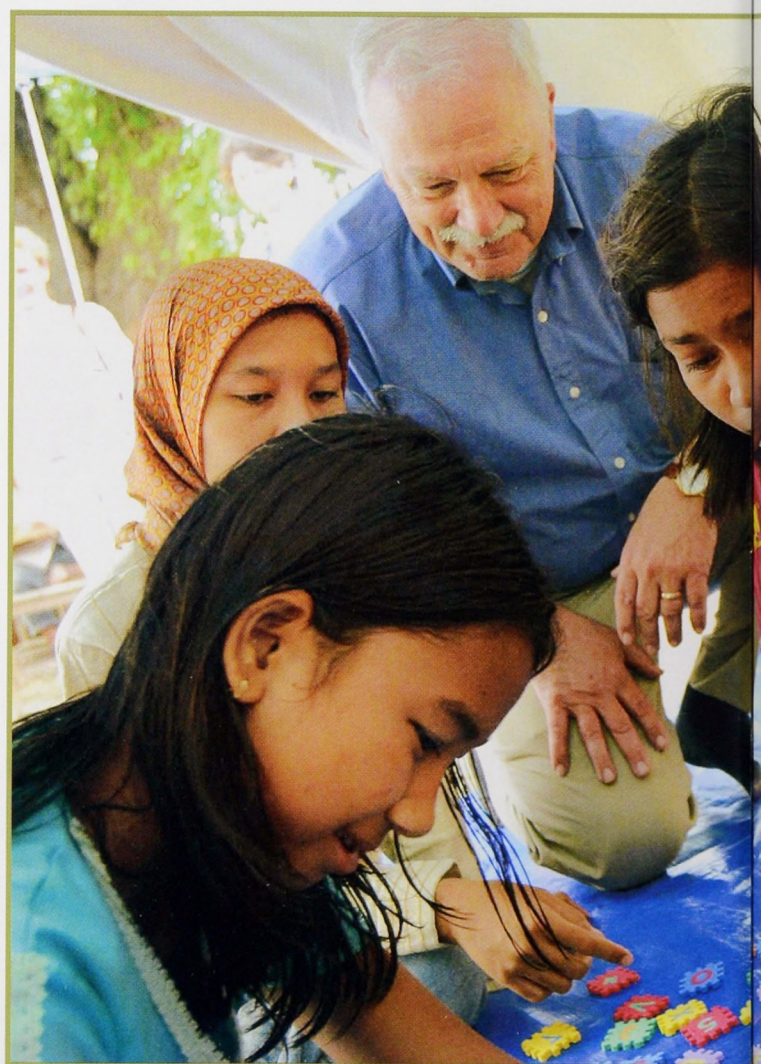
BY TOM NUGENT AND ANDREW BARKER

CHARLIE MACCORMACK '63 STRIDES INTO AN ENORMOUS SAVE THE CHILDREN WAREHOUSE on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. He takes a quick look around. The shelves are stacked floor to ceiling with emergency kits, containing everything from small stoves to blankets. MacCormack is the president and CEO of Save the Children, and right now he's telling himself: "Good. The truck convoys are already on their way. We're loaded and ready. It's time to go to work."

Carol Holmes Shattuck '67 is bouncing around in a battered, old Russian Antonov-12 cargo plane, 15,000 feet above rural Bulgaria. As chief administrative officer of the AmeriCares relief agency, she's riding herd tonight on 15 tons of medical supplies and water-purification gear, en route to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Shattuck hasn't slept much during the past few days, and she's doing her best to catch a few minutes of shut-eye, as the giant cargo plane lumbers toward the tsunami disaster-zone.

Mike Rea '91, the founder and managing director of the Give2Asia charitable foundation, has just hung up the phone in San Francisco. After several 18-hour days spent trying to nail down contributions for Give2Asia's newly launched Tsunami Recovery Fund, Rea has landed a \$1 million gift from WQHT Radio in New York City.

In the days that followed last December's catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in Asia, these three Middlebury grads found themselves caught up in a desperate race against time. With 300,000 dead in half a dozen countries, and with several million survivors in imminent danger of disease and starvation, this would be the largest and most complicated rescue mission in all of recorded history.—TN



HORROR AND REDEMPTION

ASK CHARLIE MACCORMACK '63 TO DESCRIBE THE SCENES of appalling destruction he recently witnessed in tsunami-wracked Indonesia, and the president of Save the Children will surprise you with a story that contains a happy ending.

"It's true that the coast of Aceh Province was a wasteland," says the 63-year-old director of the world's largest children's-relief organization. "In many areas, the land *itself* had been washed away, along with everything else. But everywhere I went, I also saw people helping each other, and I saw children being rescued.

"The tidal wave caused an immense tragedy, of course. And yet many of the stories I heard during my visit in January were good-news stories, with the kinds of happy outcomes that can motivate a relief worker for years at a time."

One of those amazing sagas began in the now-devastated city of Banda Aceh, says MacCormack, where a professional truck driver named Mustafa Kamal set out on the morning of the dis-

aster for the nearby town of Medan. When he learned that the killer wave had annihilated his hometown, the terrified Kamal made a quick U-turn and raced toward home.

Plunged into an agony of suspense, Mustafa fought his way through mountains of splintered wreckage only to discover that his wife and five-year-old daughter were among the thousands of missing. He had no way of knowing that his daughter, Rina, had survived and would soon be registered as a "separated or unaccompanied" child by Save the Children (STC) volunteers at a temporary camp.

Frantic, the grieving trucker eventually discovered his daughter's name on a list published by the relief organization. When he finally located her in one of the STC camps for survivors, he dropped quickly to his knees. Holding her close, the amazed Mustafa cried out again and again: "Rina! Rina! By the grace of God! I knew you were alive, and I did not give up. I kept on looking!"

For MacCormack, who's been running the nonprofit Save the Children Federation, Inc., as president and CEO since 1993, Rina Kamal's saga speaks volumes about the long-term mission—and also the passionate commitment—that defines one of the world's best-known relief agencies.

"I feel very fortunate to be doing this kind of work," he says, "because everywhere I go, I see the good side of people. I see volunteers working without compensation to improve the health and education of children all over the world. I see staff people risking their lives to help kids recover from earthquakes and famines and civil wars and floods. I think I'm extremely lucky, because most of the time I'm privileged to see humanity at its best."

After describing the "unforgettable horror" of Aceh, where more than 50,000 children and 100,000 adults (including several STC employees) perished within a matter of minutes, the incurably optimistic "Charlie Mac" says he was encouraged by all the positive things he witnessed as the massive recovery operation got underway.

"I walked into one of our warehouses in Sumatra, and it was packed to the ceiling with tens of thousands of these [survival] kits," MacCormack says. "I mean, these things are the size of a desk, and they contain 40 or 50 items . . . things like cooking stoves and pots and pans and clothing and water-purification equipment, you name it.

"Well, I stood there for a minute or so, just thinking about the fact that at that moment we had convoys of trucks delivering those kits by the thousands all over the region." He pauses for a moment. "After you've walked through a warehouse like that one in Indonesia and thought about the impact of those supplies on the lives of desperate children . . ."

Since taking the helm at STC in January of 1993, MacCormack has directed a vast, worldwide enterprise that now includes 250,000 volunteers, 4,500 full-time staffers, and a yearly budget of more than \$365 million. Along with the Red Cross and UNICEF, MacCormack's organization operates wide-ranging relief and assistance efforts for struggling kids in more than 40 countries all across the globe. Whether they're feeding hungry youngsters in strife-torn Darfur (the scene of a vicious outbreak of ethnic cleansing that has created thousands of desperate



ON THE GROUND

Save the Children CEO Charlie MacCormack '63 visits a group of children in an STC safe zones in Banda Aceh.

"I was trying to get my head around what we were doing and what we were carrying and the horrific disaster that we were responding to."

refugees in recent years) or operating a literacy program in the dusty villages of poverty-stricken sections of Sri Lanka, the volunteers and professional staffers at STC invariably describe themselves as "totally committed" to making life better for the world's estimated two billion children.

In the days that followed the Asian tsunami, STC staffers in half a dozen countries found themselves working around the clock to coordinate a relief effort of unprecedented complexity. "As soon as we saw the scope of the disaster, we knew we were going to be tested as never before," says MacCormack. "But our people on the ground have been through years of training for this kind of catastrophe, so we felt confident that we'd be up to the challenge."

MacCormack arrived in Jakarta in mid-January, embarking on a two-week odyssey through the heart of the disaster zone, where he worked 18-hour days and met with about 50 local STC staffers scattered across Indonesia and Sri Lanka. "It was pretty grueling for all of us, but we were encouraged every day by the sight of thousands of children playing and resting peacefully in the safe zones—areas our rescue teams established in the temporary camps," he says. "In spite of the devastation all around us, our people kept their focus and their sense of hope. It was a privilege for me to step in and help wherever I could."

Two months after the nightmare of the Asian tsunami, the Westport, Connecticut-based STC was still working 24 hours a day in what MacCormack describes as "the largest and most complicated relief effort in the history of our organization." While raising a staggering \$200 million in only six weeks for the flood victims, the agency has also moved dozens of highly mobile rescue teams into position throughout tsunami-stricken regions of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and India.

"The tsunami disaster was a catastrophe," he says quietly, "and its negative effects will be felt for generations to come. But the overall trend for all of the people in that region—including the children of Indonesia and Sri Lanka—is still very much upwards, and I also remain more hopeful than ever about the future for children everywhere.

"You know, when I was at Middlebury, 80 percent of the world's population lived in absolute poverty. They lived with hunger and disease and illiteracy and hopelessness. And when you realize that only 40 years later, that figure is down to 20 percent—why, just in my lifetime, we've seen 60 percent of the world's population move out of poverty. The bottom line is that the number of people who live in that kind of misery has been going down every year—and Save the Children has played an important part in that trend. How can you get more positive than that? We're not talking about pie in the sky here; these are the actual facts. Only a hundred years ago, life for so many people in the world was 'nasty, brutish, and short.' But we've made enormous gains since then,

and we're going to go right on making enormous gains—which is why I come to work each day with a feeling of overwhelming hope."—TN

FIRST AIDE

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT ON DECEMBER 29, 2004, Carol Shattuck '67 stared out the small window of a cargo plane into the vast darkness of the evening sky. The constant, heavy drone of the plane's propellers filled the air and sent a vibration through the frame of the airplane. She saw nothing. No stars, no lights, no line of horizon to make out in the distance. But somewhere between fatigue and anticipation, she couldn't sleep. "It was like a cocoon," she remembers. "I was trying to get my head around what we were doing and what we were carrying and the horrific disaster that we were responding to."

For three days, Shattuck had been focused on little else. As a senior vice president at AmeriCares, an international humanitarian organization based in Stamford, Connecticut, she was on call over the Christmas weekend when the tsunami hit Southeast Asia. News of the disaster pulled her immediately into the office, where she started making phone calls to the Indonesian, Indian, and Sri Lankan embassies in Washington, D.C. It soon became clear that relief needs in all three countries were tremendous, and AmeriCares's expertise in delivering medical and water-purification supplies could make a difference.

Shattuck was assigned to a team responsible for coordinating AmeriCares's relief efforts in Sri Lanka, where the tsunami swept more than 30,000 people to their deaths, injured 15,000, and displaced 800,000. "It was unlike anything we have seen in our lifetime," she says. Whole towns were washed away by the giant waves, leaving much of a nation uprooted, mourning, in shock.

In consultation with organizations on the ground, her team made arrangements to send a major airlift with 15 tons of supplies from AmeriCares's warehouse in Amsterdam to the capital city of Colombo. On Monday, an advance team flew out to prepare for the airlift's arrival in Sri Lanka, and Shattuck was the logical candidate to accompany the airlift. "It just made sense for me to go," she says matter-of-factly. "I was working that week anyway."

On Tuesday, she flew overnight to Amsterdam, where she met the chartered transport plane, a four-propeller, Russian-designed, 1960s-era Antonov-12—"the kind with the glass nose where the navigator sits," she remembers. The plane's cargo was already loaded when she wedged herself into a space behind the cockpit with a CNN correspondent, three members of the cargo crew, and an AmeriCares volunteer physician. She settled in for the longest flight of her life.

For 20 hours, the plane lumbered towards the southeast, its noisy propellers making even simple conversation difficult. The cockpit's lights were too dim for reading, the space too cramped



to lie down. "You couldn't really do anything," she remembers.

The plane landed at tiny airports in Bulgaria and the United Arab Emirates to refuel, giving the passengers a welcome opportunity to stretch their legs in the dark. Finally, the plane flew into the dawn, and at midday on Thursday, December 30, it touched down safely in Colombo.

Shattuck had been to Sri Lanka before. As a 10-year-old girl, she had visited the island then known as Ceylon on one of her family's many trips during the years when her father, C. John Holmes '36, was in the U.S. Foreign Service. Though her memories of that trip are faded now, all the years of living in such places as Germany, Thailand, Korea, and Japan had left their mark. As an adult, Shattuck has rarely passed up a chance to travel, and she and husband Jim Shattuck '62 even lived in Indonesia and Saudi Arabia for a time. "The international world is very much a part of my life," she says.

Since joining AmeriCares three years ago, Shattuck has played a key role in managing the organization's growth, helping to add staff and relocate the offices to Stamford. And in an organization with only 85 employees, she knows she is never far from the front lines of an emergency relief effort. In recent years, operations have taken her to the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. "All of us are essentially ready to go when needed," she says. And so, on December 29, Shattuck went to Sri Lanka.

From the moment the plane landed, the challenge of partici-

REUNITING—AND DEPARTING

Mustafa Kamal is reunited with his daughter, Rina (left); Carol Shattuck '67 hurridly packs before departing for Sri Lanka on December 28 (right).

pating in such a massive relief operation became clear. The Colombo airport was packed with relief planes, and the unloading process was painfully slow. For two hours, the AmeriCares plane sat on the tarmac awaiting attention from ground crews; then it took nearly 24 hours to unload the cargo and clear customs. Reunited briefly with her advance team, Shattuck did not wait for the last boxes to be loaded onto trucks to be transported to the coast. Instead, she peeled off her winter clothes and turned her attention to the capital, where she would help direct AmeriCares's operations in Sri Lanka for the next week.

In Colombo, the Sri Lankan government had established a Center for National Operations in the Office of the Presidential Secretariat, an old, columned, stone building dating to the country's days as a British colony. There, swarms of representatives from the Sri Lankan government, aid organizations, foreign governments, and the United Nations gathered daily for briefings, meetings, and consultations on relief efforts.

At one desk, officials offered information on displaced persons and conferred with aid organizations on providing food and temporary shelter. Elsewhere, officials shared health data and negotiated with aid organizations for the delivery of antibiotics, pain-relief medicines, and emergency health workers.

Shattuck learned that the tsunami had destroyed more than 40 hospitals and medical clinics, and tens of thousands of people in coastal areas still needed immediate medical care; possibly millions more were at risk of epidemics that could spread quickly without access to clean water.

Working closely with officials from the Ministry of Health, she committed AmeriCares to two more airlifts of medicine and

water-purification supplies, and made arrangements for their delivery to disaster-hit areas. She also laid the groundwork for an AmeriCares partnership with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees to purchase and set up 2,500 units of temporary shelter for families whose houses had been destroyed. And with an eye on the longer term, Shattuck helped launch AmeriCares into a clean-water initiative with the Sri Lankan government to provide communities and camps with systems to deliver safe drinking water well into the future.

Since her return from Asia, Shattuck says the pace of her work has hardly slackened. From Connecticut, she is still the primary communication link with the AmeriCares staff, who continue their efforts in Sri Lanka to provide shelter, clean water, and medical services to those in need. And as proud as she is of her organization's work, she is quick to applaud the donations of time and money from people around the world in response to the crisis. "We had 1,500 people volunteer to help, manning our phones to take donations into the night," she says. "The Web site was absolutely inundated, raising \$14 million in two weeks. We had to keep adding capacity to meet the need."

By March, AmeriCares had raised more than \$40 million, all of which will go directly to relief efforts. The organization has already sent a total of seven airlifts to the region, and it continues to support ongoing operations in Indonesia, India, and Sri Lanka that will help to rebuild the health care infrastructure, provide clean water, and fight malaria. "We will be there for a long time," Shattuck says.

Meanwhile, AmeriCares forges ahead with relief efforts in more than 40 countries around the world, training doctors in Kosovo, providing medical supplies to Haiti, and responding to a deadly viral outbreak in El Salvador. "We're not taking our eye off the needs of the rest of the world," Shattuck insists. And she's ready for the next crisis that could come at any time. "We don't have an emergency every day, thank goodness," she says. "But it's energizing work. You make a unique connection with people when you can bring help that is really needed." —AB

CALL AND RESPONSE

WHEN MIKE REA '91 HEARD THE NEWS OF THE TSUNAMI, it wasn't clear to him at first how to respond. As the founder and managing director of Give2Asia, a nonprofit philanthropic organization in San Francisco, he had spent the last four years finding ways to help American donors to make charitable contributions to indigenous organizations in Asia. With strong support from the Asia Foundation, Give2Asia's founding organization, he had matched more than 800 donors with hundreds of projects from China to Afghanistan, facilitating over \$12 million of transnational philanthropy.

But Give2Asia's model had not yet been tested by a major humanitarian crisis. Rea had consciously built the organization with a focus on personalized donor services, addressing a niche that few other organizations could. Working closely with one donor at a time, he kept the organization committed to a "program-neutral" stance, meaning Give2Asia did not have programmatic goals to achieve in Asia; it took its cue from the wishes of donors.



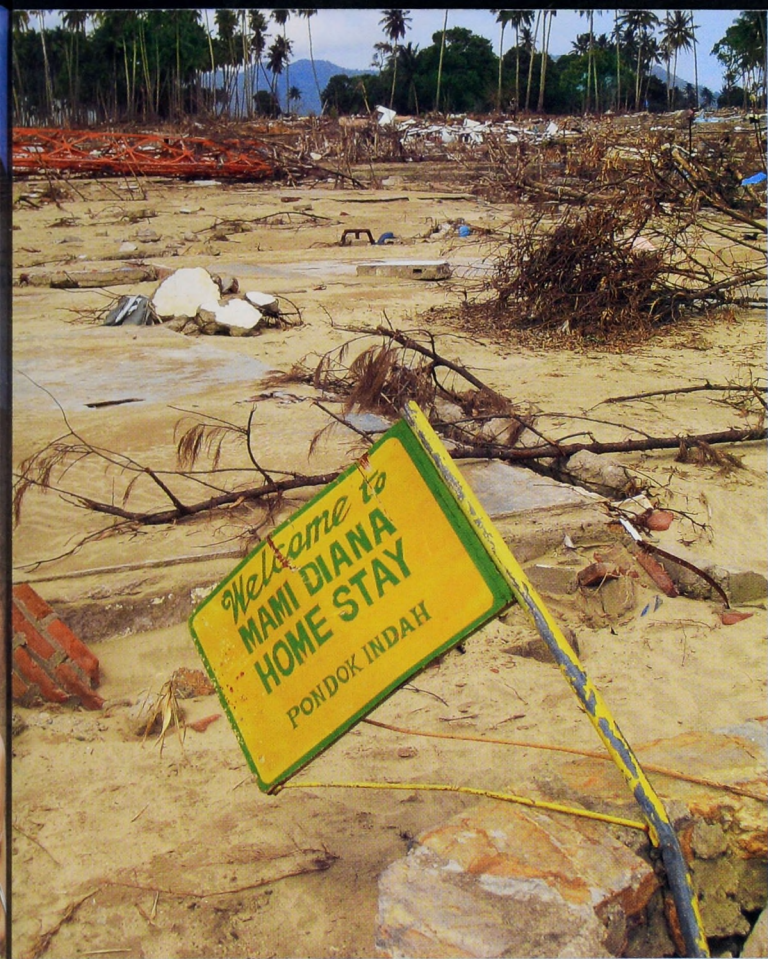
"I like to think of our work as transnational philanthropy," Rea says. "We help to create a loop of philanthropy across the Pacific." With reasonable fees and a reputation for excellent service, the donor-centric model allowed Give2Asia to double the value of its efforts every year since its inception.

But the tsunami disaster presented an entirely different challenge. When Rea stepped into his office on December 27, e-mails and phone calls began to pour in from donors and community foundations looking to Give2Asia for guidance. Here was an unprecedented international crisis that demanded an emergency response, and huge numbers of donors were yearning to help. Soon calls began to come from Asian partners and the Asia Foundation reps in the field, as well, asking for aid. "We knew we had to do something, and we knew we had to do something quickly," Rea says.

There was a catch: Give2Asia's model of personalized donor services couldn't possibly keep up with the crush of needs—or the generosity of donors—stirred by the tsunami. "There was no way we were going to negotiate with a thousand donors," Rea says. "We simply didn't have the time to develop project proposals and then say to all of these interested people, 'Do you like the project? Here's a budget. Will you fund it?'"

And so Give2Asia dove into what Rea calls "normal nonprofit land" to meet the challenge of the tsunami. For him personally, it was the most consuming entrepreneurial experience of his life:

HOPE—AND DESPAIR
Refugees receive a shipment of clothing and supplies from Give2Asia (left); devastation in Indonesia (right).



essentially, growing a new philanthropic arm of Give2Asia in the middle of an international emergency. After an intense couple of days, Give2Asia launched its Tsunami Recovery Fund on December 29, its first-ever themed fund, with a focus on medium- and long-term reconstruction in tsunami-affected areas.

The fund caught the interest of several major donors, which suddenly put Give2Asia in the spotlight. Software giant McAfee Inc. jumped in with a contribution of \$250,000. A week later, the Tiger Woods Foundation pledged \$100,000, which the Professional Golfers' Association agreed to match. Internet auction company eBay collaborated with Give2Asia on a \$100,000 donation to India. Articles mentioned Give2Asia in the *Wall Street Journal* and *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the fund took off.

One of the strangest—and largest—donations came in February, when WQHT-FM in New York City announced that it would contribute \$1 million to the fund. In a bizarre moment of poor judgment, a WQHT producer had aired a song that mocked victims of the tsunami, prompting an immediate public outcry. In an act of contrition, the station's owners fired two staff members, suspended three others, and wrote a check to Give2Asia that represents the fund's single largest gift to date.

In all, Rea says he expects the Tsunami Recovery Fund will collect about \$4 million. For some aid organizations, it's a drop in the bucket. But considering that it represents about half of all the philanthropy handled by Give2Asia last year, Rea sees the total as a milestone. "In some ways, it has stretched us in new directions, and in some ways, it has validated our position, our niche, our need," he says. "It's a coming of age for us."

Now that the immediate relief needs have been addressed,

Give2Asia is beginning to focus on a range of other issues affecting the region's economic, social, and ecological recovery. In some ways, it's a return to Give2Asia's traditional strength: building relationships with local groups in Asia who will leverage aid money to improve the lives of the people there.

In Sri Lanka, for example, Give2Asia will disburse \$52,000 to two organizations that will help 3,500 high school students get back on track to take "A-level" examinations this spring—tests they must pass in order to continue their education. A large component of the grant will fund the distribution of study notes to students who lost all of their belongings.

Rea is especially excited about several "cross-sectoral partnerships" identified by Asia Foundation reps. In Indonesia, Give2Asia has agreed to fund a grassroots effort by an Acehnese women's organization, True Partner of Indonesian Women, to ensure women's inclusion in the national dialogue on reconstruction. Meanwhile, in Thailand, Give2Asia has committed to funding a variety of projects that will assist the Ministry of Justice in "triage legal aid." A \$95,000 grant will pay for legal assistance for tsunami survivors and help to replace essential legal paperwork that was destroyed in the disaster.

The list of other project proposals on Rea's desk is long and impressive: providing recapitalization grants for small businesses; accessing post-traumatic stress counseling for children; rebuilding public marketplaces; restoring tourist resources; rebuilding docks and piers with more environmentally sustainable designs; re-equipping shrimp fisherman with turtle-excluding nets. It's a list he looks forward to tackling in the weeks and months to come, as Give2Asia puts all of its tsunami fund to work.

Rea isn't sanguine about the challenges ahead in tsunami-hit areas of Asia. "Most of these places have suffered in poverty for a long time. A tidal wave and a lot of resources aren't going to make these tensions go away," he observes. But at the same time, he has plenty of reason for hope. "We are going to give local folks the resources to effect the change they want for their own communities," he says. "They might not get all the way there. They might make strides and suffer setbacks. But there is still a window of opportunity, because we have some assets to play with right now."

As for Rea himself, the last two months have been a quite a ride, and they have satisfied every ounce of his entrepreneurial appetite. "This was our first experience with having to respond to an external natural disaster, but it was something that was just out there as a priority in the world," he says. "I'm glad we found a way to respond when so many people turned to us and said, 'Give us a way to help.'" —AB 🐾

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The Art of War

For centuries, strict rules of warfare dictated how armies engaged on the battlefield.

As proxy militias, suicide bombers, and private contractors proliferate, the rules are being rewritten—and Kateri Carmola is attempting to make sense of it all.

KATERI CARMOLA MOVES ACROSS THE CARPET IN TWILIGHT HALL WITH GRACE; she was a dancer once. The dreams of her youth are still evident in her smooth gait and the effortless way she uses her hands when she speaks—birds fluttering around the words. In front of her sit 40 students, eagerly scribbling notes.

There are no spare seats in this corner classroom. Her popular War, Law, and Ethics course is usually overenrolled. In it, she explores the laws and moral dilemmas of armed conflict—from the ancient Greeks to the global war on terror.

These days, the development that most interests Carmola is the explosion of private military firms in Iraq and how that trend reflects a morally slippery shift in U.S. military strategy—the out-



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sourcing of missions, from combat to interrogation. In short, U.S. foreign policy is being executed, in no small part, by a largely unregulated private sector.

Carmola steps away from the chalkboard, her fingertips smudged white. Today's topic: the breakdown and restoration of restraint in warfare. The sleeves on her black button-down blouse are rolled to the elbow. White lines from road salt squiggle along the toes of her leather boots.

An assistant professor of political science and a Christian A. Johnson Fellow in Political Philosophy, Carmola has written articles and helped organize national conferences about the topic of outsourcing national security—including one on campus last

fall—and belongs to an electronic forum for security contractors in Iraq. She'll take next year off from the classroom to finish a book on the subject.

"I want people to realize the cost of our foreign policies," she says later. "We tend to imagine these policies are costless, when, in fact, they are just being borne by people who are out of our sight."

Carmola is the faculty's lone Vermont native, hailing from St. Albans, an industrial town in the state's northwest corner. She exudes a no-nonsense, down-to-earth sensibility. In class, she explains why it is important for students to own certain books (*Crimes of War: What the Public Should Know*, *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*), quipping that the price of one is

equal to “just five Starbucks lattes.” Her students consider Carmola firm, yet approachable, as curious about them as they are about her.

Emily Berlanstein '05, an English major from Baltimore, Maryland, says: “This may sound unsophisticated, but Professor Carmola is *awesome*. She’s someone who ignores textbooks because it’s much more fun to discover the theories via first-hand accounts. She’s energetic and has a real knack for connecting with young people, without failing to remind them who’s boss. (I’ve seen her throw chalk at a boy sleeping in the front row).”

Carmola’s lessons are also playing out on the battlefields of Iraq. U.S. Marine Captain Michael Hunzeker, 27, was a student of Carmola’s when she taught at the University of California, Berkeley, before coming to Middlebury. He took part in the ground invasion in March 2003 and has trained hundreds of Marines for battle.

“It’s easy to talk about a humane war,” Captain Hunzeker says. “Explaining it to a group of 18-year-old Marines on the eve of an offensive is a bit more difficult. Ms. Carmola helped me deal with the toughest question, one I heard over and over as I attempted to explain the rules of engagement to every Marine—‘Sir, why should we play by the rules when we know the enemy won’t?’ She helped me understand the larger picture surrounding the rules of war and gave me the tools to explain it in everyday terms so that the people who make the difference—our young warriors—could put it into action.”

Because this course is so grounded in the real world, fascinating material arises daily. Aside from frequent bulletins on the war on terror, there are regular developments in a rapidly morphing U.S. military. In mid-February, the *New York Times* published several articles—one on the immense popularity among civilians of a military-devised video war game, another on the Pentagon’s push to develop robots for possible combat operations. The latter speaks to Carmola’s concern with moral equality on the battlefield.

“Quick thought: would you want to play sports with robots?” she asks. Carmola posts these articles on the course Web site, and recently added an instant-message exchange between one of her students and a soldier friend now serving in Afghanistan. It touches upon many of her research themes: the glorification of soldiers, the dynamics of protesting war, military careerism, and excessive contracting. (“The stories I have—,” the soldier writes, “You’ll never want to pay taxes again.”) In short, the great appeal of Carmola’s course is that it unfolds in real time.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, it was dance, not war that fired Carmola’s mind. After graduating in the early 1980s, she left Vermont to attend NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. She was an eager teenager with a head full of city dreams. But life has a knack for sticking its foot out.

Tisch freshmen were required to take a yearlong writing course; Carmola’s was taught by a grad student and aspiring playwright. “He came in and said, ‘You’re all dancers, or you’re actors, or Tisch School of the Arts students, so by my definition, you’re all dumb,’” she recalls. “‘You’ve allowed your body to be the tool of someone else’s mind, and I want you to reacquire your mind.’”

The instructor’s name was Tony Kushner, destined to become one of America’s most influential playwrights. And his words helped set the tone for Carmola’s intellectual life. “By the end of that year with him, I was so taken with thinking about the world,” she says.

Carmola gave up dance and transferred to Columbia to pursue a degree in Russian, but she says she wanted even greater academic intensity and left the following year for the University of Chicago, an institution known for devoting entire courses to a single text. (“I felt I had years of education to make up for,” she says.)

On campus, the intellectual energy was palpable. Students protested not investment in South Africa but the slashing of library hours. One of Carmola’s professors, a Holocaust survivor, had taught himself Greek and

read Thucydides by candlelight in hidden crawl spaces. Carmola felt she’d found a home.

In the summers, she returned to Vermont and worked “totally non-intellectual jobs. It was the perfect balance,” she smiles. “I needed to get away from the city and from books. On the farm, we used to say you’d go beyond boredom. And there was kind of a neat, trippy space beyond boredom.”

After graduating magna cum laude with a degree in tutorial studies, she moved to New Mexico. Figuring law school was next, she worked at a large law firm. In the evenings, she tutored at the Santa Fe Indian School, supervising ninth-grade Pueblo and Hopi students serving detention. It was here that her interest in warfare began. To engage the boys, many of whom were the relatives of Vietnam vets or interested in World War II Navajo code breakers, she brought in books on war. The connection was immediate, deep, and she still keeps in touch with some of those students.

Carmola grew tired of law work and taught at a private school for a year, but her mind was still restless. She applied to Berkeley to study the political role of women in Shakespeare but found herself distracted by thoughts of war—the Gulf War and later the paradoxical “humanitarian” wars—Somalia, Kosovo, Rwanda.

She stayed at Berkeley for 10 years, earning a Ph.D. and giving birth to two kids along the way. She went on to a postdoctoral position at the university, focusing on military ethics, and was considering a run for the local school board when an ad appeared for a political philosophy position at Middlebury. Three months later, she was on her way home. “When we landed it was manure-spreading time,” she laughs. “You could smell it at the airport. It smelled like Vermont. I remember saying, ‘I feel like kissing the ground.’ Which is overinflated, but I felt that way.”

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KATERI CARMOLA SITS AT A TABLE at Amigos Cantina, a Mexican eatery in downtown Middlebury. It's a mild February evening, and the restaurant fills up quickly—groups of friends, local families with babies, an English professor and his son. Carmola plucks a tortilla chip from a basket and starts talking about some of the issues from her forthcoming book: *Global Warriors: Private Contractors and the Ambiguities of National Strategy*.

There are 20,000 private contractors currently on the ground in Iraq, an unprecedented development, Carmola says. They carry out missions once handled by the military—guarding top U.S. officials, protecting oil pipelines, training Iraqi police, providing food for prisoners. Some 200 have been killed, but none make the official casualty count. It's a \$100-billion-a-year industry that makes up a quarter of the U.S. defense budget. Regulation is mild. The ethical implications have yet to catch up. "I think 10 years down the line, this will all be more easily understood," she says. "Now, it's in this gray area."

Private companies can ease an overstretched military, freeing up more soldiers for battle, she says. But some critics see the contractors as modern mercenaries motivated by salaries that run as high as \$15,000 a month.

Blurring matters is the fact that Pentagon contracts are often awarded to U.S. firms that employ ex-military personnel from various countries—South America, South Africa, the former Soviet Union, Israel. Obviously, upholding the U.S. Constitution is not in everyone's professional DNA. So identifying the buck, let alone figuring out where it stops, can become a puzzle.

"Contracting makes a lot of economic sense but it also has this effect that the government can deny responsibility," Carmola says, cutting into a chicken enchilada. "There are so many chains, so many links."

Two private military firms have been implicated in the Abu Ghraib torture scandal—CACI International Inc., of Arlington, Virginia, and Titan Corporation, of San Diego, California. Several of their civilian translators and interrogators are under investigation.

Carmola has recently returned from a security conference at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. Aside from regulation issues, panelists discussed tensions between the military and private sector, from bidding wars over translators to fundamental conflicts of interest. In many cases, both parties are serving the U.S. government. She recalls one exchange between a military official and a contractor.

"'You proceed at 90 miles an hour in armored vehicles through the streets of Baghdad,' the officer said. 'If you run over anybody or draw incoming fire or piss off a bunch of Iraqis, you don't care because your mission is to keep your clients safe. Our mission is doing appropriate counterinsurgency which is trying to win the hearts and minds of these people.'"

Carmola takes a sip from her drink. "It's a clash of ethos—of the business culture and military culture, which are totally opposed," she says. "You never hear words like 'virtue' and 'honor' in the business world."

Carmola believes that this new mix reflects the Pentagon's adjusted approach to warfare. While the September 11 terrorist

attacks and the war on terror have obviously influenced strategy, the military had already been redefining itself. After Vietnam, the military, as well as the public, developed what Carmola calls "casualty phobia"—an aversion to soldier deaths and mutilations. Fighting from the air (as in Kosovo, where not a single plane was lost) became the norm. There was an increased use of Special Forces ("the darlings of the Defense Department," she says). And the U.S. began to rely on indigenous outfits to help fight its battles, like the oft-abusive Northern Alliance in Afghanistan. In an article published last year in the *International Journal of Politics and Ethics*, Carmola raised the provocative question of whether this meant the U.S. was outsourcing war crimes, too.

"One of my early thoughts was, Is our regular military so legally bound, so transparent, so professional that if you want all this dirty warfare going on, you have to sort of do it in a parallel universe, whether it's special ops, CIA, or private contractors. Sort of like the Colombian military, which has paramilitaries do its dirty work. How much of that is really going on? It's really hard to come out and say that.

"There are a lot of decent, hard-working people in the security business, but recent allegations make me wonder what kind of restraints really work for this industry, particularly during this conflict."

Mark Evans, a professor of politics and international relations at the University of Wales Swansea, says Carmola is helping shape an important moral discussion on the shifting nature of war, especially as waged by the West. He anthologized one of her articles in his 2004 book *Ethical Theory in the Study of International Politics*. In the article, Carmola focuses on proxy forces, private security firms, and the proportional use of force. "Her ideas have helped to clarify—indeed, render very vivid—the issues at stake and have made significant contributions to this ongoing and highly relevant controversy," Evans says.

"Kateri's current research explores a very hot topic," says Allison Stanger, a professor of political science and the director of Middlebury's Rohatyn Center for International Relations. "I very much look forward to reading the fruits of her upcoming research year."

And by the looks of it, Stanger won't be alone. Publishers have already expressed interest. Carmola doesn't seem too fazed by the attention. She compares herself to an anthropologist, simply trying to uncover what makes people and organizations tick. Rather than seeking to influence policy, she hopes her book will tell readers something about being a citizen in today's complicated world.

"I think it's every academic's dream to just find some kind of puzzle out there and try and loosen it up, make it more understandable, so that our decisions are more informed."

After dinner, she asks the waitress to wrap the rest of her chips and guacamole. A few minutes later, she steps outside and walks across Main Street toward her station wagon, keeping time with the forces shaping our world. 🐾

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BY BILL MCKIBBEN

When writer Bill McKibben hiked from Vermont's Green Mountains to New York's Adirondacks, the Middlebury

scholar in residence spent a summer evening communing

with students at the College's Organic Garden

A Passage through Middleb

What follows is an adapted excerpt from the writer's latest book, *Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Landscape: Vermont's Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondacks*



AFTER A COUPLE OF MILES, the path I was following emerged into Middlebury, shire town and gravitational center of Addison County. It's not a perfect New England village—a sprawling suburban subdivision of cul-de-sacs and split-level ranches bounds the town to the east, and the town fathers carelessly let a short string of McDonald's and Marriott franchises bloom south of town. But Middlebury still boasts an actual manufacturing district. At the spot where I emerged from the woods, I could see the Cabot Cooperative cheddar plant, the Otter Creek not-so-microbrewery, and half a dozen similar enterprises. And with its downtown, Middlebury hits the New England trifecta: bandstand on the green, towering white Congregational church, and at the far end a college-on-a-hill.

I wandered on through town, stopping at the small grocery for provisions for the next few days, then at my college office to check my mail. I am a scholar in residence at Middlebury, a grand-sounding post that—typical of any job I might attract—carries no actual salary. But it does offer a fine garret, with a view of the Adirondacks, and a speedy computer connection. Better yet, it offers colleagues—Middlebury has built perhaps the finest undergraduate environmental studies department in the nation, and so there's a steady supply of like-minded economists, political scientists, biologists, physicists, theologians, and writers to talk with and learn from.

Though I rarely teach, there are students who find their way to my door. Middlebury attracts a steady flow of kids for whom the bucolic setting provides more than a backdrop, and they start

to wonder how they might fit into a place like this. Most of these regular students are gone till the fall, of course, but a couple of my very favorite students are hanging around for the summer, and I'll get to spend this night with them in perhaps the single most beautiful spot on this calendar-gorgeous campus.

The Middlebury College Organic Garden lies on a knoll in the middle of a cornfield about a quarter-mile west of campus. A year ago it was just a bump in that expanse of cow corn. But now—well, to call it a garden is not enough. It's a good half-acre of vegetables, as well-tended and orderly a farmlet as any you'd ever want to see. A new harvest of spinach has just been dispatched to the dining hall for tonight's supper of babel, and doubtless students are even now searching their phrase books to find out what they call spinach in Moscow or Madrid. Meanwhile we are sitting around the fire pit, watching our dinner of chard and corn and potatoes steam.

This place was the work of students, right from the start. Like most liberal arts colleges, Middlebury traditionally hasn't shown much interest in agriculture. Any other kind of culture, sure: you can major in film or dance or literature, and rightly so. But colleges developed at least in part to help people escape from the farm, and that old prejudice dies hard. There isn't even a regular course about farming at this college, though it lies in one of New England's most fertile valleys.

A few years ago when Jean Hamilton and Bennett Konesni were freshmen, they ran into each other in the hallway outside an organic agriculture workshop elsewhere in the state. They agreed, on the spot, that Middlebury needed a student garden. And then,



oddly enough, they actually made it happen. (In my days as a wild-eyed student, it was generally accepted that talk was more important than action, but times have changed.) With an ever-growing band of fellow students, they commandeered the college GIS lab, using the computers to overlay maps of soil type with maps of college-owned land; eventually they found the knoll in the cornfield, one of the few nearby outcroppings of rich loam in the valley floor, which is mostly clay best suited for cow corn. They sat down with the guys from dining services and worked out spreadsheets of what they could sell to the college; then they visited local farmers to make sure they weren't planting crops that would undercut their neighbor's livelihoods. They persuaded the student government to supply cash sufficient for a well and a solar pump; the latter's black photovoltaic panel now rises like a rectangular sunflower in the middle of the patch. They found seed companies to donate seed, and beekeepers to loan them hives, and before too long the day came to lay down a winter cover crop of rye. And on that afternoon, once the homecoming game was finished, the college president and the board of trustees both appeared, and spent a happy hour bent over, pulling rocks from the soil. At which point it was very clear it was going to be a success.

A few months after that cover crop went down, and a few months before the first vegetables would be planted, I taught a short course during the college's January term on "Local Food Production." Not because I knew much about it—I have a green mind but a black thumb—but because I was beginning to think that "local" was about to replace "organic" as the key idea in the battle to save small-scale American farming.

For a generation, a certain number of farmers scattered across the country have managed to hang on by growing food for consumers willing to pay more for a dinner free of pesticides. That premium was enough to make it possible to survive without efficiencies of scale that came from vast agribusiness plantations; in Addison County, an organic dairy farmer can get twice as much per hundredweight. Just like David Brynn's family foresters, these family farmers had figured out a way to keep their squash and tomatoes from becoming mere commodities; instead of chemical residue, they came with a residue of story, enough story to justify a living wage. A few years ago, though, the organic movement grew large enough that agribusiness began to pay attention. They started converting a few of their vast fields in the Central Valley or Mexico into "organic farms"—enormous institutions that in every other respect operated like classic corporate giants. It's true that those particular acres were spared the rain of herbicides, but the food there still has to be trucked and flown around the world—by some measures, the average leaf of organic produce travels even farther than the 1,500 miles that a bite of conventional food must journey between farm and lip. And once companies like Del Monte started becoming some of the world's biggest organic producers, the premium for a local guy with a couple of acres of really nice organic tomatoes started to shrink. He had no niche left. For two decades, "organic" had meant more than just "pesticide-free"; it also meant "some local guy grew this with his own hands." Now that meaning was evaporating.

But there was a possibility for another story, this one harder to co-opt. If "local" could become the new buzzword, than perhaps



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it would provide sizzle enough to justify a premium price again, that ten cents more a pound meaning the difference between a farmer making it, and a farm becoming Old Farms Acres at \$49,900 a building lot. That's what Chris Granstrom had been talking about when he noted that Finger Lakes wine was still selling in Finger Lakes. It's why our local food co-op started posting pictures of the farmers above the stacks of their cabbages. And Del Monte simply can't do it—their economies of scale would disappear if customers in Rochester and Eugene and Tampa began demanding food from Rochester and Eugene and Tampa. That's what we studied in our class, anyway—reading Wendell Berry and the other prophets of new agronomy, and taking field trips to Vermont innovations like the Farmer's Diner, a Barre eatery where almost all the ingredients in the hamburgers and milkshakes and French fries are raised within fifty miles of the kitchen door. "Think Locally, Act Neighborly" is their slogan, and so far it seems to be working.

As is usually the case, the best thing about the course was the students, who turned out to be remarkably reflective. I knew from listening to them introduce themselves on day one that six or seven of my twenty-five charges thought they wanted to be small farmers someday. But I wondered if they had actually figured out

what that meant—most of these kids were from the same backgrounds of privilege and semi-privilege as the rest of the Middlebury student body. They had the same handsome ease and offhand self-confidence. They were, in other words, made to order for the economy now emerging in our world, and every last one of them could grow up, if they wanted, to make a bundle of money. So one day I asked them to try and figure out how much they thought they'd need to earn in a year in order to have the kind of life they wanted. They spent the night figuring, and talked about their results the next day—some said they needed to emulate the suburban lifestyle of their parents in order to feel secure, but for the rest their answers converged in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Which perhaps reflected certain sweet naïveté—twenty-year-olds don't value insurance quite as highly as do the rest of us—but also a certain deep understanding that I admired. Instead of working to afford certain pleasures, many maintained, they would find pleasure in their work. Which is a good strategy if you're planning to be a small-scale local farmer.

High on that list of pleasures was food. When I was in college, food and grease were more or less synonymous—a cheese-steak sub was my idea of just fine. I told these students that two of them were to be responsible each day for cooking the rest of us lunch, from whatever local produce they could scrounge in midwinter. Our classroom opened onto a kitchen, and all through the discussion, smells would flavor the air. Before long, truly astounding dishes were emerging: leeks gratinée, smoked squash soup, gorgeous frittata. (One fellow took things to their logical extreme, scavenging the January countryside for cattail flour and high-bush cranberries the birds had missed. It tasted...local). A kind of emerging sensual appreciation for this place kept us all in thrall—what would come next? It wasn't like we were in Napa—this was Vermont in January. And yet we ate well, just as people ate well in Vermont for hundreds of years before anyone thought of flying in iceberg lettuce.

And now, out at the garden in midsummer, we were eating like Alice Waters. Walk a few paces and eat a handful of cherry tomatoes; a few paces more and grab summer pepper or a peapod, or pull a carrot. Two students from that local-food class were spending the night with me. Chris Howell—tall, skinny, goofy grin—had just finished overseeing construction of a garden shed, framing windows, building a rock patio. The final touch, a sod roof with grass cut from the surrounding knoll—seemed to be taking root. Jean Hamilton, the quieter and with a bit of a Mona Lisa smile, had been harder to get to know, but as time had gone on, I'd come to admire her enormously. Partly, I confess, for the pies from the covers of those magazines devoted to high-end country living, and they tasted even better than they looked. But her story interested me even more. The daughter of doctors and the graduate of a top prep school, she was clearly an academic overachiever, like virtually everyone else at Middlebury. But she somehow



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figured out, early on, that she wasn't going to follow the obvious path. She'd spent one semester of her prep school years at the Mountain School, a working farm in the hills of eastern Vermont where I'd been often, a place where the curricular highlights included lambing, sugar run, spring planting. "That made regular school all the harder," she said—and indeed I think she came to Middlebury more to satisfy her family than herself. More than anyone else, she'd designed the garden now blooming around us. We all three lay back against a sloping berm, drank cool water from an old wine jug Jean had spiked with a branch of mint, and watched the sky above us—this was the summer when orange Mars came so close.

Even in the dusk I could make out four or five white beehives a few yards away on the edge of the garden knoll. They were, as a curator would say, on loan from the collection of Kirk Webster, one of the most artistic small farmers of the Champlain Valley. He had lived a few miles south of my route, so I wouldn't actually get to visit his apiary on my trek. But I'd been thinking of him as I wound my pastoral way through the valley, and one of the lighter burdens in my pack was a photocopy of an old article, "The Best Kept Secret," that he'd written a few years before for *Small Farm Journal*. Part memoir, part practical guide, part moral meditation, it told of his long and slow maturation as a beekeeper. "It has been my great privilege, despite having very little to start with and many setbacks, to have started on the path of farming when I was a teenager, to give up doing all other work when I was thirty-seven, and to reach my mid-forties with the prospect of continuing for the remainder of my life," he wrote. "Like a person carrying one tiny candle and trying to find his way in a vast underground cavern, I needed all my faculties to find the right course and put the pieces together into a harmonious whole." Indeed, one of the continuing themes of his essay is the difficulty of learning to farm when the chain of transmission that operated since the start of agriculture has broken down—when there is no parent to teach you how, or to leave you a working farm. "This state is literally crawling with people bringing their money from elsewhere and investing it in some kind of a 'back to the land' venture. These are some of the nicest and most well-intentioned folk you will meet anywhere...but their main contribution has been the very patriotic one deemed essential to democracy by Jefferson and Madison—dispensing the fortunes accumulated by the previous generation so that succeeding generations can rise according to their own wits." In general, he says, these neophytes pick the wrong locations and invest too much capital before they figure out a workable system. By contrast, his own story involved endless trial and error (what to do when tracheal mites plague your bees, or a late spring rains out even the dependable flow of dandelion honey) as he discovered how to propagate queens and nucleus colonies for sale to other beekeepers.

Eventually it all worked out. Selling queens, and 30,000 pounds of honey, now netted him 50 K a year—that is, half again as much as my enthusiastic students had calculated for their baseline. "After living, and enjoying life, for so long with so little, this frankly seems like an enormous fortune to me," he writes. His only sadness, he wrote, was a certain loneliness. He'd never married, and had no one to pass his carefully collected knowledge on to. "If there are young people any more interested in beekeeping as a way of life, I'd like to have a few of them come here to learn the trade," he wrote at the end of his essay. "I'd like them to get a better start and a better grasp of the basics than I did," and if even one or two took up such work as their life's own, "I'd be able at least to approach my own definition of successful beekeeping."

Jean had read Kirk's essay in our class, and he came to our final feast (more pies!). It wasn't many months more before he was teaching her the trick of picking queens from a hive. ("I did fine until the end of the day," she said. "When I started getting tired, I started getting stung.") Soon Jean and Bennett and Kirk and Susannah and Missy and a jumble of other real farmers and would-be farmers and boyfriends and girlfriends were off to visit the organic guru Eliot Coleman at his Maine farm, investigating the possibility of using his novel winter greenhouses in the Champlain Valley. Meanwhile, a local master gardener, Jay Leshinsky, was spending most of his summer in the college garden, offering sage advice; and the dean of the county's organic growers, Will Stevens, was dropping by regularly to look in. (He'd visited our class, too, bringing his account books, which demonstrated the unlikelihood of getting rich in this business, and a pile of his best vegetables, which declared the possibility of prospering nonetheless.) "No one knows better than I do how vulnerable real farming is today," Kirk had written. "But when new farms are spawned, and become associated with the others, some real strength, resilience, and comfort starts to emerge. If we reach the point where communities are farming again, then the flywheel will start to turn on its own, and a movement will emerge that no government or corporation can stop."

Jean and Chris crawled inside the new garden shed to sleep, and I rolled out my tent and lay in it happily. All the wine had long since washed from my system, but I still felt unaccountably happy. To be around young people, who haven't yet made all the compromises and concessions that life will urge them to make, and to see them finding older people who can help them go a different way, is to be reminded that the world really is constantly fresh, and that therefore despair for its prospects is not required. 🐾

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EYE ON THE SKY

Whether tracking near-Earth objects or planning unmanned missions to comets in deep space, Donald Yeomans '64 keeps his head above the clouds. Photograph by Max S. Gerber

Galaxy Quest

Donald Yeomans '64 personifies NASA's insatiable pursuit of celestial knowledge.

BY DICK ANDERSON

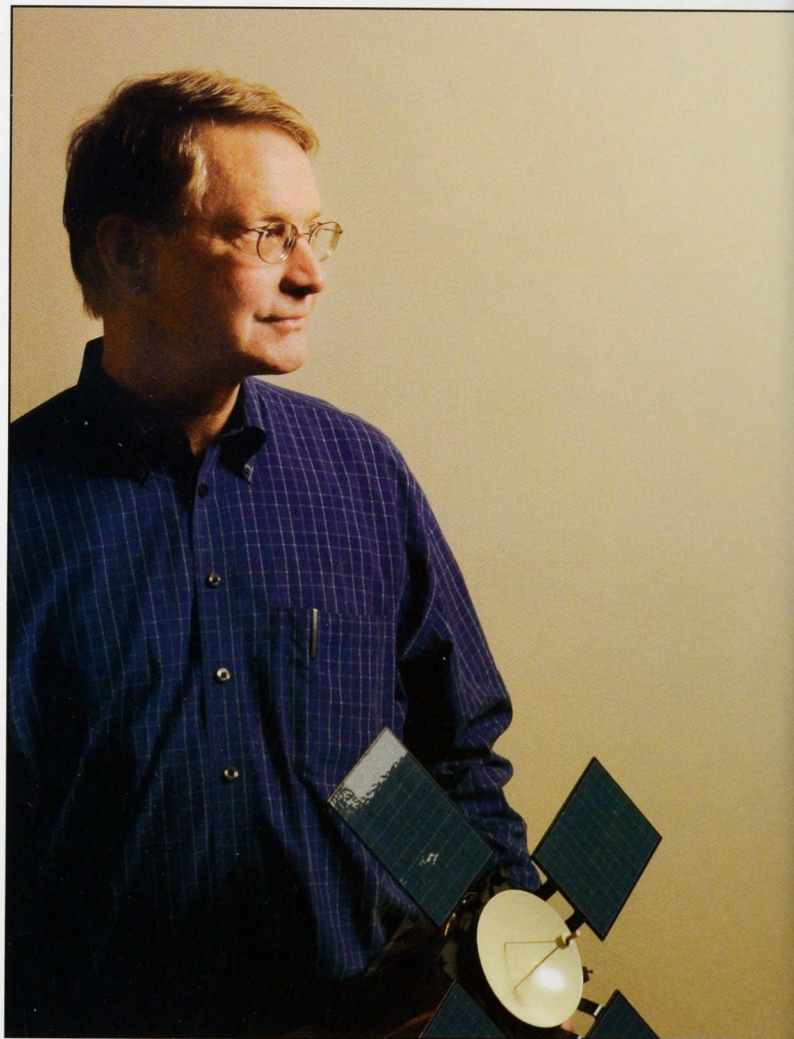
DONALD YEOMANS '64 has devoted the last 40 years to the study of comets and their celestial brethren. And when comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 collided with Jupiter in July 1994, "It showed rather dramatically that these things do run into planets," Yeomans says. Hollywood took notice and spawned a pair of space-age disaster flicks that nearly collided in theaters in 1998. "The folks who did *Deep Impact* actually talked to us before they wrote the script," says Yeomans from his office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, "so they didn't get too much wrong." He adds, with a laugh, "The makers of *Armageddon* got everything wrong."

About 15 miles from the pitch meetings of Tinseltown, Yeomans wears two hats at JPL, a NASA laboratory managed by the California Institute of Technology. He's supervisor of the Solar System Dynamics Group, a 10-member team charged with charting the courses of the planets, their natural satellites, and more than 300,000 comets and asteroids. He also runs JPL's Near Earth Object Program, which

computes the orbits over the next 100 years of the planet's astronomical neighbors. "NASA has taken the stance that it's worth \$4 million a year to fund six different observatories to look full time for near-Earth objects," says Yeomans, who calculates the probability of impact with any object that gets too close. "Once they're discovered, it's our responsibility to track them."

"We keep a short list of objects for which we cannot yet rule out an Earth impact in the future," Yeomans adds. "But as we get additional data, we will most certainly rule them out."

Indeed, the collision Yeomans is more focused on at the moment will be occurring in deep space. On January 12, NASA launched a spacecraft (*Deep Impact*) that is now on a collision course with the comet Tempel 1. When their paths intersect this summer, an 820-pound, refrigerator-sized impactor will crash into the comet at a speed of 10 kilometers per second, forming a crater, while a fly-by companion craft observes the collision and its aftermath. "This is what we live for," he says. "We're going out and smack-ing a comet to see whether its



nucleus is solid ice, layered, or a collection of particles held together by little more than their own gravity."

For those whose science is a little rusty, comets are remnants from the formation of the outer solar system—the bits and pieces that didn't

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

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conglomerate into Jupiter, Saturn, or Uranus. "Comets are important scientifically because you'd like to know what were the building blocks of the outer planets," says Yeomans. "And because you can break down water into hydrogen and oxygen, which is rocket fuel, comets may be the watering holes and fueling stations for future interplanetary exploration."

tric orbits. Halley's 1704 prediction that the same comet observed in 1531, 1607, and 1682 would return in 1758 was a huge step forward, Yeomans observes. (Yeomans's observations are detailed in his book, *Comets: A Chronological History of Observation, Science, Myth, and Folklore*, John Wiley & Sons, 1991.)

While comets were associated with meteor showers in

would demonstrate the laws of trajectory by dropping objects in front of the room and shooting at 'em with a cork," Yeomans fondly recalls. "He was so good, I decided that astronomy was what I wanted to do."

Yeomans wrote his doctoral dissertation, at the University of Maryland, on how to account for a comet's rocketlike thrusts in predicting

the Southwest. "While ground-based observations allow us to predict where the comet will be to within a few hundred kilometers, it takes observations from the spacecraft itself to zero in on the comet's nucleus," says Yeomans, who estimates Tempel 1 to be about 9 by 15 kilometers in diameter—or the shape of a "fat pickle."

The resulting pictures should be spectacular. When probes flew past Halley in 1986, the smallest visible object on the surface was about 100 meters in size. *Deep Impact* will have a resolution of about 2 meters from the fly-by spacecraft and about 15 centimeters from the impacting spacecraft.

Yeomans and his team are flying to Japan in September to participate in another comet mission. That's when Japan's *Hayabusa* mission is scheduled to meet up with asteroid 1998 SF36, match its orbit path, land on its surface, collect the ejecta (material thrown out of an impact crater) in a cone, and begin a two-year journey back to Earth for in-depth study of its elemental composition. "That's the Holy Grail of asteroid science—to find out which objects up there correspond to which meteorites we have down here," Yeomans says.

"I think we're in the second era of exploration," he adds. "We had Earth exploration in the late 15th and 16th centuries. When the histories are written for the 20th century and early 21st century, there will be a chapter on exploring the solar system." 🐾

Dick Anderson is a writer in Los Angeles. He agrees that Deep Impact seemed more realistic than Armageddon.

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the 19th century and thought to be relatively harmless, that theory was shattered in 1950, when astronomer Fred Whipple showed that comets were indeed solid bodies—"dirty snowballs," as he described them—with the very real capacity of running into Earth. A few years after Whipple's discovery, 12-year-old Donald Yeomans got a six-inch-diameter telescope as a Christmas present. "That got me started," he says.

Yeomans, a native of Rochester, New York, is the fifth in his family to attend Middlebury, following father George '33, uncle Edward '42, and older sisters Irene Yeomans Batal '59 and Jean Yeomans Lamson '62. Even though he majored in math, Yeomans's greatest influence at Middlebury was physics professor Ben Wissler. "Wissler

the object's future path. His work attracted the attention of the Goddard Space Flight Center, where he worked until migrating to JPL in 1976.

"We've been trying to sell a mission to a comet ever since I got here," he says. Except for a few large missions like *Voyager I* and *II*, space exploration tapered off in the post-Apollo era. Things perked up in the late 1980s, though, with missions to comets Halley and Giacobini-Zinner and the NEAR mission's landing on asteroid 433 Eros. In the last decade, missions have been smaller and more numerous.

When *Deep Impact* encounters Tempel 1 on July 3 (July 4 Greenwich Time), the impact may release enough dust to create fireworks visible to the naked eye over much of

In the days of ancient Greece and Rome, comets were thought to be apparitions—warning shots from an angry god. Centuries later, Sir Isaac Newton and Edmund Halley showed that comets actually orbit the sun, just like the planets, albeit with eccen-

Translating Hell

Julia Marble Emerson '65 helps a survivor of the Rwandan killing fields bring her story to the English-speaking world.

BY REGAN EBERHART

SOCIOLOGIST MARIE BÉATRICE UMUTESI WAS LIVING AND WORKING IN RWANDA in 1994 when her life plunged into peril as civil war overran the country. While violence raged between Hutu and Tutsi and warring political factions, hundreds of thousands of people were massacred and millions more displaced. Umutesi, a Hutu and native Rwandan, was one who was forced to flee. Ultimately she spent four years as a refugee and walked 2,000 kilometers. She, along with

thousands of others, witnessed innumerable deaths and suffered excruciating deprivation. No government, no organization, no humanitarian agency intervened.

Surviving the Slaughter (University of Wisconsin Press, 2004) is Umutesi's story about her years as a refugee. Translated into English from the original French by JULIA MARBLE EMERSON '65, the book is a searing account of Umutesi's experiences. "I have been through Hell, have known horror, and now that I have escaped," Umutesi says. "I want to testify in the name of

all the men and women who did not have my luck and who died in Hell."

Emerson says that translating this book profoundly altered how she looks at the world. When an associate first asked her to take on the job, she rather casually agreed. However, she soon found herself "living, breathing, and sleeping with the book," she explains. "I mulled over every word and sentence, draft after draft; corresponded with academics in the field of African studies; talked to people who had visited the camps and who had worked with Béatrice; checked facts and dates." Emerson says that Umutesi, who can read but not speak English, later told her that she had "gotten

inside her head and translated the book in just the way she would have liked."

Umutesi's writing is beautiful in its simplicity. She begins her story with some history about the Tutsi-Hutu ethnic conflicts and the social, economic, and political environment that brought Rwanda to anarchy. She describes her first awareness of being Hutu, at age four, and what it was like for a family member to grow up years earlier and challenge the system of oppression. Oppressors and victims changed places; there were periods of reconciliation and times of relative peace. Yet the old animosities lingered.

For two years, Umutesi lived in refugee camps along the Zaire border. She attempted to care for abandoned children and to improve conditions for her fellow sufferers. When the camps were destroyed amidst more fighting and political wrangling, many refugees were forcibly returned to Rwanda. Others, Umutesi and children she was caring for among them, endured a grueling march across Zaire in advance of rebels and government troops. When Umutesi, then age 38, was rescued by a Dutch friend who had been looking for



WHEN JACK SIDFORD SAW A JACK-O-LANTERN for the first time, he asked his mother what it was—was it a bad boy? She marveled at his interpretation, and her husband reminded her to write it down. **JENNIFER KARIN SIDFORD '85** did more than that: using her three sons as inspiration, she created *The Bear Who Loves Halloween*, a gorgeous picture book about a young bear's first Halloween. It is sweet and decidedly unscary. Then she chose Sam Kimball, an artist whose work she admires, to illustrate the book, worked with him to make each page reflect her vision, and published the hardcover volume herself. She did the same with a second project, *Letters to a Girl*, a gift book, containing letters from everyday women to important girls in their lives, about life and growing up female.

Night Table

What's on Jennifer Sidford's night table?

- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *The Human Stain* by Philip Roth
- *Baker Towers* by Jennifer Haigh
- and a Spiderman action figure with one leg broken off

Like more and more authors, Sidford opted to self-publish the books. Her thoughts on self-publishing:

YOU GET THE BEAR YOU WANT: "The artist and I chatted about every single page, and I was able to get little touches that I wanted. Jack, my middle child, is bearlike. His hair is caramel colored. His eyes are blue. So the bear is caramel and has blue eyes."

AMAZON.COM IS YOUR FRIEND: "I would have to print 10,000 copies and send them to Barnes & Noble to put in their stores. But Amazon.com provides immediate access, and I send copies as they get orders."

PAUL NEWMAN SHOULDN'T HAVE ALL THE FUN: "One dollar from the profits of each bear book benefits One Family, an organization devoted to ending family homelessness, and all profits from *Letters to a Girl* benefit the YWCA, the oldest women's organization in the country."

her, she was half of her former weight and "wrinkled like an old woman."

Surviving the Slaughter would be unbearable to read if it were not for the many people

and their acts of kindness that Umutesi describes, examples of humanity's best in contrast to its worst: a man sharing his only bowl of beans with the starving author, villagers shel-

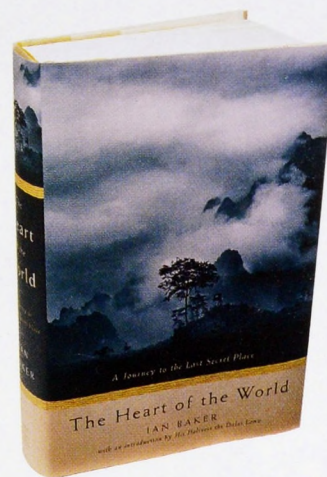
tering refugees as armed men prowl the streets. Throughout the ordeal, Umutesi maintained an unshakeable belief in human kindness—she always expected to "meet charitable souls on the road."

For the record it leaves and for the humanity it reveals, Umutesi's book is empowering. "My friends wondered why I was working so hard on this book," Emerson observes. "I felt that it was important for this story to be available to the widest possible audience. In retrospect, it was an incredible gift—to be given an opportunity to be part of a larger and very important conversation."

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, explorers tried and failed to find a vast, legendary waterfall concealed within one of the wildest and deepest chasms on Earth—Tibet's Tsangpo gorge. Tibetan Buddhists have long believed these falls lead to a sacred realm, where physical and spiritual worlds overlap. In 1998, after years of searching, **IAN BAKER '79** and his National Geographic-sponsored team descended into the depths of the gorge and stood before the waterfall.

Baker's quest was a true pilgrimage, with demanding physical and spiritual dimensions. Torrential downpours, a jungle teeming with leeches, treacherous cliffs, and impassable and densely overgrown terrain would make the quest hard enough. But Baker's mentors had primed him to understand that even if he found the place he sought, without spiritual enlightenment, it would stay hidden.

He describes his journey in *The Heart of the World: A Journey to the Last Secret Place*



(Penguin Press, 2004). An adventurer, climber, Buddhist scholar, and longtime resident of Nepal, Baker began his groundwork years earlier, when he set out to learn the truth behind the legends. He read ancient texts, consulted with lamas and wise elders, explored the gorge, and challenged his mind through extreme exercises, such as a monthlong meditation in a cave.

Baker juxtaposes his narrative with observations by people who preceded him on similar expeditions, including the 19th-century spies sent to Tibet by the British Survey of India. Tibet was cut off to Westerners, and the surveyors masqueraded as pilgrims in order to explore the region. In 1924, explorer Frank Kingdon Ward collected the seeds of rhododendrons and other plants from the profusion of species that blaze across the mountains. While he happily sought out new plants, his traveling companion miserably wrote about how he wanted to go home.

The Heart of the World provides a look into the heart of a modern-day pilgrim. Baker has a poet's sensibility, a philosopher's vision, and a historian's perspective. 🐾

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—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J. D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet) (978-369-5595), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

31 Winter seems to be a good time for reflecting on "the Old Days."
Nathalie Lewis Emery is my most frequent correspondent, and I seem to have a regular place on **Betty Pease Felt's** Christmas card list. Betty, incidentally, admits that she now has to use a wheelchair to get around, but that leaves her hands free for bridge! **Mary Stolte Toomey** seems never to have mastered the computer, but she leans on her son for the e-mail to advise that all is well with her correspondent. **Ruth Atwood Muller**, the Grand Dame of Harvard, Mass., is perhaps the most active of us all. She still drives her car, around town at least, and is a master of the bridge circuit. Your secretary may soon have to be replaced. He has succumbed to macular degeneration and has to type these notes in very large type, even then not confident of the spelling.
—Class Secretary: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

32 **Alice Cady Russell** writes from her retirement home in Columbus, Ohio, where she is still busy in the art room and in playing chimes: "Perhaps a leaking heart valve was responsible for my short stay in a Columbus hospital in October of 2004 with congestive heart failure. They say my previous good health is why I am recovering so fast. At only 93 years of age, there must be some classmates still active, but none apparently who share news. Let's hear from you!"

34 **Rosemary Faris Baer** writes: "Still get tears seeing photographs like Handelman's cover on the calendar, showing Chipman behind the campus, and his 'Blue Mist,' the photograph for October (which also appears in the fall *Magazine* as a two-page Northern Exposure) with McCardell Bicentennial Hall and Bread Loaf itself. The new library looks wonderful. I'd be lost, though." Quoting from Middlebury's Dean of Library and Information Services Barbara Doyle-Wilch in the fall *Magazine* article on the new library, Rosemary says, "my mindset is much more linear than the hyperlinking mindset of the students."

35 **REUNION CLASS**
Do you ever look at the college sports results in the newspaper? If

so, you'll now and then catch a glimpse of Middlebury. Try it. * A note from **Marge Clark Headley** describes life in a retirement home in San Ramon, Calif. She loves it and claims it's like living on a cruise ship. She is involved in several organizations, both within the retirement home and outside. * A picture from the Leadville, Colo., newspaper shows **Charles Kuster** in the Memorial Day parade, in full color. It is reassuring to know that some of us can still join a parade.
—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

36 Please send your news to **Louise Hubbard McCoy** at the address below, or send it directly to *Middlebury Magazine*, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753. As we grow older, it is important to keep in touch with your classmates. I (Louise) am busy and content here at North Hill in Needham. I serve on many committees, attend concerts, and take local trips. On behalf of the class, I would like to express our appreciation to **Maggie Leach Harris** and **Louise Hutchinson** for their fine work on class notes. We hope to continue hearing from them regularly. * **Agnes Harris Taylor** continues active in her church in Rutland, Vt. * **Marion Cole Morhouse** reports that her most notable activity this past year was attending a four-day 90th birthday celebration in Montreal with all of her 57 descendants (including four great-grands) and spouses. She anticipated visits with daughter Wendy and a trip via train to daughter Jane's for Christmas. * We regret to report the death of **Mary Dansereau Howard** on August 30, 2004. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. The condolences of the class are extended to all of her family.
—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Louise Hubbard McCoy, 865 Central Ave., #L403, Needham, MA 02492.*

37 Our Class of 1937 Scholarship Fund now totals \$127,000, making it possible for us to offer scholarship aid to a deserving student every year. Your annual gift keeps the fund growing. Did you know that 72 years ago, 188 high school and prep school graduates matriculated at Middlebury, and that of that number 156 graduated in 1937? As of January 1, 2005, there were 51 "survivors" in our class. The Alumni Office provided these statistics in answer to a question by **Juno Jones Corbett**, who likes to keep up on our class history. Juno reports that, after a severe "bump on the rump" last summer, she received steroid injections and now gets around on a swift "wheelie" walker. * **Phil Brown**, reporting reasonably good health, journeyed to Vermont

in August to visit his wife's grave, then continued to Wayne, Pa., to see his newest great-grandson, Tyler—who, at nine weeks was "already a Red Sox fan." * **Gladys Caldronney** has had two recent hospital stays, one for chemotherapy treatments and the other because of congestive heart failure. She says she's not complaining, because she enjoyed fairly good health for most of her long life. * We've been sharing memories with **Win Wordsworth** about "Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye." One summer, as part of my journalistic duties, I wrote advertising for the popular bandleader, who later became a TV celebrity. Meanwhile, Win had a band of his own, using the tag line, "Music of the Day Styled the Wordy Way." His style was similar to Sammy Kaye's and he knew several of the band's sidemen. When Kaye needed a sax man and vocalist in the 1980s in Florida, he recruited Win and also used some of Win's early arrangements. Win's memories include piloting a B-29 bomber in World War II, running a successful furniture business, and shooting his age last year (88) on the golf course. He and wife Jane enjoyed a summer cruise to Italy, Turkey, Greece, France, and Spain. When not in Florida, they may be at their other home on Cape Cod. * **Frank Piskor** glories in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. Daughter Nancy Piskor Twichell '73 was one of 11 high school teachers in Massachusetts honored by the Harvard Club for "inspiring excellence and curiosity in students." Joanne, who has been a librarian at Phillips Exeter Academy for 20 years, is a weekend mountain hiker with husband Kevin. Among Frank's grandchildren, one is a science teacher planning on med school, one a biology student in Germany, and one a junior at St. Lawrence Univ., where Frank is president-emeritus. * Last year, **Hans Roepke** flew from Germany to the U.S., his first visit to the States in 10 years. He had hoped to take in the Middlebury campus to see all the recent changes, but his schedule wouldn't permit it. He considered his visit as "sort of a farewell tour to various friends," during which time he refrained from too many political comments, even while enjoying the campaign as an outsider. He returned home considering himself "very lucky to be in fairly good shape." * Writing from her new home in the same town (Harrisonburg, Va.), **Kay Stackel Leonard** said, "For me, Midd is still an important interest of my life. I still have many good memories of the time spent there, and many good friends." She now lives in a personal care building and is still able to walk about. * While recounting my own hurricane experiences with **Ruth Furness Lombardy**, she recalled being in Montpelier, Vt., with late husband Frank Lombardy '35 during the 1938 hurricane. They were outside, battling flying

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garbage cans and garage doors, while returning from a town meeting. ★ **Nancy Blanchard Britton** encourages everyone to have all the medical tests covered by Medicare. A bone density test revealed osteoporosis, and other tests helped to diagnose diabetes a few years ago. Nancy happily reports that she still enjoys her pre-breakfast walks.

★ We regret to report the death of **Caroline Elliott Dorst** on October 2, 2004, in Boscawen, N.H. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. At Middlebury Caroline studied French and music. For many years she taught in schools and privately, and she had further studies at Williams College, Bennington College, and in Paris. Her daughter, Tina Larochelle, wrote that Caroline "valued her Middlebury experience, and it had a great influence on her life." The class extends its sympathy to all of Caroline's family and friends. ★ Our thoughts and prayers are also with **Barbara Weaver Street**, who last September lost husband John M. Street, a much-loved physician in New Milford, Conn., for many years. ★ **Susan Hathaway Hopper's** daughter, Virginia Hopper Hoverman '69, sent us Susan's funeral service program, with this note: "As you know, she loved Middlebury College and the Class of 1937. I am glad Mom is free from the dementia that haunted her last years. Knowing you and her other classmates was a great joy in her life." Ed. note: As we go to press, the sad news has been received of the death of **Walter Brooker** on March 30, 2005. In the summer issue, we will take the opportunity to pay our respects to Walt for his many years as a loyal alum and as a dedicated member of the Middlebury College Administration.

—Class Secretary: Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.

38 Please send your news. Your classmates look forward to hearing from you.

—Class Secretary: Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

39 Evelyn Wheeler Stagg is happy to be in sunny Florida during the winter months. Her daughter visited in January, and Evelyn usually makes it to Vermont in the summer. ★ **Betty Letson** and her sister, Frances, entertained relatives from Enfield, N.H., at Christmas dinner for seven. ★ **Pat Brewer Chadwick** enjoyed a trip with her sister-in-law to New Haven, where they visited Morey's for lunch: "Lots of atmosphere." Times have certainly changed, because I (Jeanette) remember being turned away at the door for being female. ★ **Bertha Waite Markland** went on an Elderhostel trip to Cape May, N.J. It was billed as a Dickens Christmas tour. There were many interesting fellow travelers, including Jennie-Belle Perry '38 Barr's brother and his wife. Bertha found the trip "just wonderful." ★ **Frances Barrett Johnson** writes that her son, Eric Johnson, has coauthored a book to be published soon, *Terror—Mass Murder—Everyday Life in Germany*. Frances says the book is written along the lines of Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*. ★ **Carol Miner Gustafson** is making a good recovery from an eye operation she had just before Christmas. She is already back to her many activities, including two bridge clubs. One of her main activities is participating in a can-

cer group, called "sharing village." Started five years ago, it has grown to be a big outreach group, especially for breast cancer survivors. They have meetings for 300 women, who share helpful information. ★ **Olive Holbrook Nagle** enjoyed a birthday party in October, arranged by longtime friend Jean Freeman. Their friendship began many years ago, when they lived in the same apartment house. A younger professional person who travels a great deal, Jean always has the time and ability to care for Olive. Thank you, Jean. ★ **Ruth Coleman Skinner** fell just before Christmas, injuring her pelvis. She is recovering with the help of pain pills and her granddaughter, a recent graduate of UVM whose boyfriend lives close by (it always helps). Ruth's family is so complicated, with five greats so far, that I am going to ask her for a complete family tree. ★ **Ray Skinner**, her late husband, came from a family in Lyme, N.H., where the name Skinner still graces the church horse stalls. I'm sure New Hampshire genealogists will be as grateful as I. ★ **Jeanette Olson Gould** spends her spare time knitting "squares" that are joined to make afghans. They are very popular at the local Veterans' Hospital. If you want to do something for our wounded soldiers, pick up your knitting needles and get directions at the Keep America Warm program on the computer. ★ **Tom Murray** writes that he is "planning on the 70th." Let's all join him. ★ Best wishes for a happy, healthy new year to you all. Keep in touch, because we want to know the latest about every classmate.

—Class Secretaries: Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould (jogvnt@aol.com) (978-263-8151), 1055 Depot Rd., Boxboro, MA 01719; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman) (rskinner@kingcon.com), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.

40 REUNION CLASS Please mark your calendars and plan to return to Midd June 3–5 to reminisce, rejoice, rest, and review the many changes at the College on the Hill, made in the past 65 years. Inger and Ed Morse, Curtis McDowell, Martha Taylor Elliot, and the Pratts are all planning to attend reunion, and we plan on seeing Ed Reichert at that time. ★ On Pearl Harbor Day, **Laura Smith Whitworth** was blessed with the arrival of a new family member. She now proudly displays a photo of herself holding her one-day-old great-grandson. Since moving into a retirement home four years ago, she keeps busy with a number of volunteer activities—care giver, hospital gift shop, historical society, music festival, etc. She plans to attend the 65th. ★ **David** and Mary Ruby '41 **Goodell** have moved to Brighton, Mich. He writes: "Following successful knee replacement surgery in September, at our children's urging, we moved to be nearer one of them—our eldest, who has his dental office here but lives about 20 miles up the road." ★ We send the condolences of the class to **Frank Nitchie** on the death of his wife on December 3, 2004. He reports that he had been occupied the past nine years taking care of her, since she suffered a stroke. He says he had tremendous support from their children and friends. He's not sure whether or not he will make it to Midd for our reunion, but he will try. He's already planning to return in '06 for the graduation of a grandson, Douglas Campbell. ★ **Art Andres** reports on

an interesting career. After leaving Middlebury, he worked for about three years and then became a fighter pilot in the USAF. He flew P-39s in New Guinea and then went to the training command, teaching West Point Cadets at Stuart Field in Newburgh, N.Y. Art spent the next 35 years in the appliance business division of General Electric, ending his career as a vice president. Now retired to Osterville, Mass., he divides his time between the Cape and Naples, Fla. He still plays about 150 rounds of golf per year, but complains that his game is deteriorating rapidly. He has six children, 19 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. "So far, I've been lucky," he says. ★ **Margaret Heald Lawton** and **Laura Fenn Fuller** both live at the Pines, a senior living community in Burlington, Vt. Margaret writes that it is doubtful she will make reunion, but they may be able to attend the banquet. It would be a real treat for all of us to see them both again. Margaret's husband, Erle, died in June, after which she moved to the Pines. She's happy that she doesn't have to be concerned about the yardwork, shoveling, etc., that went with owning a house. We hope that Margaret and Laura will be there for our banquet. ★ **Ken Temple** writes that he is well and enjoying his home in the mountains. From his window, he has seen mountain lions, small herds of deer (15–20), and large herds of elk (150–200). He's teaching bridge to a group of retired ladies. He doubts that he will make the 65th. ★ **Senatro LaBella** has moved to a furnished apartment in New Hartford, N.Y. This move is temporary until an opening appears in a building where he has applied for an apartment. He would like to attend the 65th, but is doubtful that he will be able to make it back, as his physician doesn't want him to drive by himself. His partner of 47 years is no longer with him. Anyone in that area who could bring a passenger to reunion? —Class Secretary: Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Call for Nominations

Each year the MCAA solicits nominations of alumni who have achieved success in their professional field, volunteer service, or personal endeavors. If you know of a particular alumnus or alumna who is deserving of recognition for being an exemplary Middlebury graduate, please e-mail or call Alumni and Parent Programs with your suggestion(s). Several Alumni Achievement Awards, one Young Alumni Achievement Award (Classes 1990–2004), and a male and female Alumni Plaque recipient will be chosen for 2005–2006. In particular, members of classes celebrating reunions in 2006 are invited to nominate classmates for the Alumni Plaque who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to keeping the spirit of Middlebury alive through volunteering for their class and the College.

Send nominations to alumni@middlebury.edu or write to **HUGH MARLOW '57**, Alumni and Parent Programs, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

41 When Ronald Liebowitz was inaugurated as Middlebury's 16th president last October, some alums from Wake Robin attended the weekend festivities, including a tour of the new library and the spectacular Bandaloop performance. Packy (Ruth Packard Jones) also attended the women's rugby match in which her granddaughter (Elizabeth Monk '05) played. Over the holidays, Packy had a great two-week trip, visiting family in Pennsylvania, California, and Arizona, where she had a lovely day in the Organ Pipe National Park. * **Elsa Norgaard Cullen** has problems with osteoarthritis, as many of us do. In her Christmas note, she was enthusiastic about the wonderful holiday she enjoyed with all three generations of the family and the three birthdays celebrated. * **Jack Hicks** joined his daughter, her husband, and their son for a family reunion with in-laws in Columbus, Ohio, over the holidays. * As usual **Merritt Garland's** Christmas letter contained "more about the Garland family than you ever wanted to know!" Sallee no longer drives, so Merritt is not only "chief cook and bottle-washer" but also chauffeur. He still gets to his cabin, although not as often. * **Peg Waller Glazier** reported on their two-week boat trip from Amsterdam, down the Rhine, through a canal to the Danube, and on to Vienna. The boat was very comfortable, offering the conveniences of a "home away from home" for the full trip, with daily shore trips provided. * **Marie Stockmayer Boltz** is comfortably situated in Farmington, Conn., with all three of her children and three grands nearby. She fell and broke a hip in June; at last report she was getting along with a walker. * **Mary Kiely White** reports that they are unable to travel very much and they miss it: "However, we enjoy our lives at this retirement home and count our blessings every day." * **Shaubie (Margaret Shaub)** was recently recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Association. This is in addition to her work as accompanist for the Champlain Senior Chorus. * **Peg (Margaret Wiley) Thomson** is another of our classmates who continues to make an active contribution to the music of her community. * **Debbie Mayo Beattie** enjoys life at her assisted living residence. She's near to her former home, so she can see longtime friends and neighbors. She enjoyed the holidays with her family. * **Charlotte Gilbert Lightfoot** flew to Vermont last July for a big family reunion in Dorset. She had been unable to attend for the past few years, due to her husband's illness. She stayed seven weeks and hopes to return next summer. During the Christmas season, she was entertained all around by several family members. She always hears from **Mary Kiely White** at Christmas. * **Connie Girard Brown** spent two weeks in Virginia over the holidays, visiting with family. Her son has a lovely new home outside Williamsburg and her daughter lives in Fredericksburg. At Christmas she received notes from **Grimmy (Edith Grimm Miller)**, **Babs (Barbara Warren Loftus)**, and **Ginny (Virginia Brooks Hutton)**: all seemed to be doing well. * In December, **Jack Burbank** planned a surprise 85th birthday party for Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) at the Waybury Inn. Westie was really surprised! **Jean Connor, Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, Packy, plus Peg Wood Erickson '42, enjoyed a great afternoon. A few days later Westie and Jack flew to Santa Barbara, Calif., to enjoy Christmas with son Doug and family. She visited several interesting museums, including John Steinbeck. * Last summer at the Stratton

Community Theater, **Bill Littlehale** memorized 97 lines in six weeks in order to perform in Arthur Miller's play, *The Last Yankee*. He also chaired the nominating and election committee for the playhouse: "It is quite amazing how much divisiveness can be found in artistic endeavors." * Classmates have heard little from **Judd Hubert** since our graduation, but he has been accomplishing a lot. With his M.A. in French (Columbia, 1942) and Ph.D. (1951), he spent more than three years in the Air Corps as an interpreter for French cadets. He has been happily married to Renée Riese for 55 years. Their daughter, Candice, is a naturalist. Judd retired from the Univ. of Calif., Irvine, in 1987, after having taught at Rutgers, Harvard, UCLA, and Illinois-Urbana. He has published (in French) books on Baudelaire and Racine, and (in English) on Molière. Since retirement, he has done books on Shakespeare, Corneille, and, in collaboration with his wife, *The Cutting Edge of Reading: Artists' Books*. A senior Fulbright Fellow in 1956, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1962. Renée became a Guggenheim Fellow in 1965 and a senior NEH Fellow in 1987. They travel, especially in France, publish articles on artists' books, keep up with avant-garde writers and artists, and collect rare books, mainly 17th-century French literature and Surrealist illustrated volumes. * The sympathy of the class is extended to the family of **Barbara Grow Grim**, who passed away on November 7, 2004. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. —Class Secretaries: *Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), 4106 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482; and Roger M. Griffith (rmg19@adelphia.net), 35 Skyline Dr., Essex Junction, VT 05452.*

42 As usual we were blessed with many Christmas letters and family news from classmates, providing us with a quick look at what our classmates—all in their mid 80s—are doing. Although the ranks are thinning, it is really amazing how many of us from the class of 1942 are still going strong. * An early card from John and **Mary Eimer Leinbach** brought a letter with lots of news about the remarkable things that children and grands are doing. It also reported that Mary (the playgirl of the Western world) is busy with golf and bridge, singing in the church choir, helping others, and advising youngsters on colleges, while John was recently selected honorary president of the Alumni Association of Amherst College, where they will be attending his 70th reunion this year. His book, *My God Can Lick Your God*, is being published by X-libris. * **Jack and Nancy Rindfusz Bates** checked in from their retreat in North Carolina. "We are in the right place," Nancy reports. They both sound good on the phone. They miss the regular contacts with the class as secretaries that they (and now we) enjoyed for so many years. * News of the death of **Bill Andrews** in December saddened us. **Meg (Buscher)** is staying in their retirement home in Connecticut. She has an active support group, because Bill had six children and Meg has two and all but one live within an hour's drive. * A new year's note from **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** brought an expression of sympathy on the passing in August of **Dotty Milligan Schuck**. Harriet also included a picture of a river barge, as she and husband Denny have enjoyed traveling on America's rivers, most recently the Missouri. * **Harry and Sue Hulings Ottinger** from Albuquerque rewarded us with their Christmas letter. It told of two auto accidents (that made Harry the nurse, cook, and chauffeur for four months) and

news of all of their children and grands. They enjoyed a vacation with the whole family in Maine. Granddaughter Caitlin, a junior at Middlebury, is studying art this spring in San Francisco. * **Ginny Smith Baker** reports that all was well and sent congratulations on our 60th wedding anniversary. * From her new base in New Hampshire, **Nancy Hall Whitehouse** reports that a tablemate at her first meal there recalled working one summer in college at the Cliff House in Ogunquit with **Louise Sargent Jenks**. * **Chuck Beach** claims to be "still creaking along," while **Helen Hooley Young** in Florida is "still using a cane" after a fall at her summer cottage in Norwich, N.Y. * **Nina Camuti Danielson** wrote from her new address, a retirement home near Princeton, commenting on her 17 grandchildren. Her only (so far) great-grandson will be two in April. * **Joan Calley Cooper** reports that she "finally made the big move to a retirement residence in San Francisco. I'm adjusting. Location is gorgeous, food is good, the old folks are pleasant." —Class Secretaries: *Phil and Betty Blanchard Robinson (sec42midd@aol.com), 410 Buffington Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224.*

43 Mildred Carson Bonow has her own apartment at Covenant Village, a retirement community in Cromwell, Conn. Although macular degeneration precludes her driving, she uses the bus without difficulty. She says she has made an excellent recovery from her stroke last year. * **Roger Easton** writes that he and Barbara traveled by train to Philadelphia, where they had dinner with Bob '54 and Betsy Heath Gleason '58. Sciatica has been limiting Roger's activity somewhat, but he says that Barbara does a great job bringing in wood to keep the fire going and the solar power equipment working. * In 2004, **Ginnie Clemens Lowman** and Rod traveled to Auckland, New Zealand, to attend the annual meeting of the Olave Baden Powell Society, which supports the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 144 countries around the world. Touring the North and South Islands, they were particularly impressed by the mountains along the west coast of South Island, pierced by scenic fiords, with 30 times as many sheep as people. In the fall, they attended the annual Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf and had a tour of the new College library, about which Ginnie was very enthusiastic. She has recovered nicely from a hysterectomy. She and Rod walk a mile or so after breakfast daily, carrying bags and picking up bottles, cans, and trash along the roadside. Would that there were more like them! * **Dick and Lee Van Leuven '45 Morehouse** have sold their Lexington, Mass., house and moved to a small house in the assisted living section of a retirement community (60 Quarry Hill Rd., Camden, ME 04843). They expect to spend June to November at their home on Vinalhaven Island, accompanied by their grandchildren. * **Ted Peach** has taken a breather from hauling crushed stone for his driveway in Nevada City, Calif. In order to reduce the danger to their house from forest fires, he has been clearing brush within a 200-foot radius and cutting some trees to leave a 10-foot distance between their canopies. He reports that Nancy is doing well, playing the flute and baritone horn, and singing alto in the choir. She's now on a special anti-colon cancer diet. * **Peggy Bowles Smith** says she's doing "alright," with some difficulty with balance and slight macular

degeneration. Her work on book sales for the Friends of the Library in Guilford, Conn., is more of a year-round job than is generally appreciated. * In talking with **Russ** and **Bounce Dale** and discussing the loss of **Kay Sempepos Silliman**, I heard the story of how Bounce got that nickname. Margaret Dounce and Kay Sempepos arrived at Jewett/Wilcox on the same day and introduced themselves. Bounce recalls Kay standing in her doorway, cigarette in hand, mulling over the name Dounce, and saying, "Dounce, Bounce—that fits you," and from that day forward Bounce was her name. Even in Longmeadow, Mass., she's still known by that name. Although having problems with arthritis, Russ continues his tutoring in the schools and his advising to small businesses. * Kay's co-secretary skills have been sorely missed. Fortunately, several women are willing to help keep classmates informed. For the time being, the female contingent (like ancient Gaul) will be divided into three parts. **Loie Groben Doe** will be the chief editor, contacting roughly a third of the class, and Bouckie (**Helen Bouck Hildebrandt**) and Skip (**Louise Wilkin Dimond**) will each undertake to communicate with a similar group, channeling news items to Loie for compilation of the quarterly report for this column. Loie will be happy to receive any news from any of you at any time. Please keep one of us informed of changes in your address or phone numbers. We are in need of phone numbers for **Phil Backup**, for **Barbara Roberts Ormsby**, and for **Marty Newton VanGaasbeck** in Florida. * **Frances Head Gale** died peacefully at her home in Gloucester on February 4, 2005, with her family at her bedside, after dealing courageously with Alzheimer's disease for nearly 15 years. Skip Dimond reminisces: "It was always good to arrive at Bread Loaf for a homecoming or mini-reunion, and see the Gale's camper parked in front of one of the lodges. It meant that, once again, we would be getting together with smiling Fritz Gale for lighthearted talks, good humor, her warm recollections of our good times in the Class of '43, and her sharp observations of the current political situation. When Fritz and John visited me at my home on Cape Cod, we always had a wonderful time watching the variety of sanderlings and sea birds on my beach and trying to solve the New York Times Cross Word Puzzle, while John cooked up his gourmet fish chowder for our dinner. We shall miss those happy get-togethers with Fritz, but how fortunate we are to still have her in our memories."

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44 We regret to report the death of **Peter Jennison** on December 20, 2004. Peter became part of the history of our class when, in our sophomore year, he appeared as Sheridan Whiteside in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* at the Playhouse on Weybridge Street. In our 50th Reunion Yearbook, he reported he had reprised that role 46 years later in the New Woolhouse Players production of the play. A loyal alumnus, Peter presided over the reunion dinner at our 55th reunion and returned, although in poor health, to do the same at our 60th reunion with grace and humor. * After traveling in Eastern Europe in May before our reunion, **Ricki Wheaton Evans** kayaked among the islands off Deer Isle in July and August. * **Ruthie Waldmann** writes that she has replaced golf and

bowling with Aquasize, "and the switch has done wonders for my back and shoulders, as well as doing a better job for physical fitness than aerobics." Now that her two nieces have both moved to the Dallas area of Texas, she hoped to be able to visit them soon. * By chance, **Betty Broadbent Brown** recently met **Dave Stebbins**. Dave's news is that son Andy '82, who is teaching English in Hong Kong, and his wife had a baby boy, their second, on November 12 in Australia. They hope to settle in Perth at the end of the school year. * **Betty Mercer McChrystal** enjoyed a family vacation in Yosemite National Park, Sequoia, and Carmel last August. In September, she and Bill spent a week in Laguna Beach, Calif. * **Muriel Roome Wakeman** went to Italy in October, writing that she toured the Amalfi coast and Tuscany in unusually warm weather for that time of year. * **Chuck and Ruth Huff Allen** added three girls to the family in 2004—granddaughters in January and June, and a great-granddaughter in March. In October, the Allens celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. * Speaking of great-grandchildren, **Bill and Ingrid Monk Stevenson** welcomed two more into their large family, one in March and one in November. The Stevensons celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. * **Nancy Read** is apparently happily settled in her new home in Sun City Center, Fla. "You know I am not one to mind testing the water. I just jump in and, so far, it's working well." * **Marjorie Jolivet Manning** reports that she is "holding the fort alone now, since my dad's death at age 103." Her four children and seven grandchildren are scattered across the country, mainly in the West. * Congratulations to **Sanford Young** for his December 8 induction into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame, for his extraordinary service to golf. In addition to serving as president of the Connecticut State Golf Association, Sandy was a driving force behind the creation of the Connecticut Golf Foundation, a committee member of the U.S. Golf Association, and a one-time scratch golfer who qualified for two U.S. Amateur Championships. In helping found the Connecticut Golf Foundation in 1998, he directed fund-raising efforts that now make it possible for 25,000 kids to have access to a growing series of golf programs. After living in Darien for 40 years, Sandy moved to North Carolina in 2002. As you will recall, Sandy earned varsity letters in baseball, hockey, and golf while at Middlebury. * Two Middlebury undergraduate grandchildren of Barbara and **Hugh Taft**—Jonathan '05 and Joya '06—recently visited their parents, Jeffrey and Pamela Taft-Dick '73, in Sri Lanka, where Jeffrey is country director of the World Food Program. Their visit happened to be at the time when the tsunami wreaked havoc on so many countries on the Indian Ocean. Barbara told us that she and Hugh were unaware of the catastrophe when Pamela called to say they were safe. The whole family was planning to go the next day to one of the beaches that was destroyed by the giant waves. We can all rejoice that Hugh and Barbara were spared the unthinkable tragedy that might have happened.

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45 **REUNION CLASS** By the time this issue of *Middlebury Magazine* reaches you, you will undoubtedly have heard a great deal of encouraging information about our 60th reunion. We on the more elderly side will be on the receiving end as to

elevators, convenience to meeting locations and to vehicles for tours. Therefore it should be a wonderful experience—hope you are making every effort to come. * We are happy to hear that **Dave** and **Jane Robertson Palmstrom** hope to make it to reunion. * Plans are in the works for **Ray Walch** to attend our 60th. Ray is proud to announce that they have 10 grandchildren, five girls and five boys. He's also proud to report that he still takes no medicine. * **Muriel Cormack Mottola** reports that she must miss reunion, because her "favorite grandson is getting married that weekend." * **Mike Mann** is not sure yet about reunion. Since the recent replacement of his right hip, he reported that only time will tell whether the left one needs to be done this spring. He writes from Slingerlands, N.Y.: "I shall be forever grateful that I was able to attend Middlebury, even though my education was interrupted by WWII. I was lucky enough to survive the war, returned in one piece, and completed my college experience in 1947. In short, I have a soft spot in my heart for Middlebury." In turn, Mike has served as class agent for many years, was the alumni interviewer for his area for students applying to Middlebury, served on the committee for our 50th reunion, and has been a generous supporter of the annual fund: "I have tried to repay Middlebury in some fashion for what the College did for me." * "We are enjoying sunny Naples, Fla., again this year," writes **Marjorie Harwood Greer**. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion. * **Marian Bailey Allen** and husband Bob anticipated the April wedding of grandson Bo (Robert Cullen Briggs), who has completed Stetson Law School in St. Petersburg, Fla. * **Nona Life Peck** reports that she and her brother, Harry Fife '50, went to DC for the dedication of the World War II Memorial. Harry served in the Air Force, while Nona was at Great Lakes doing physical therapy. Nona planned to return to her Lake Dunmore cottage in May. * A phone visit with **Roy** and **Beverly Boynton '48 Kinsey** found both active and involved in their growing community of Fountain Hills, Ariz. Beverly chairs the County Park System board and volunteers at the Chamber of Commerce. As chair of the Mountain Preservation Committee, Roy has diverse responsibilities with priority given to trail making. The Kinseys visit with Pres '47 and Joan Spross Carr '48, who retired to Vancouver, but spend most summers in Sun City. * **Alice Southworth Twible** reports that uninvited guests Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne left havoc behind them. Alice is an active voice and handbell member in the First Baptist Church; Harlan was the speaker at the annual Veteran's Day ceremony in Sarasota. * **Jean Bender Heermans** reports the birth of her first great-granddaughter in January 2004. Jean's new retirement complex address is 3895 Old Vineyard Rock, #322, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. * **Marjorie Watson Haller** has moved into a retirement community: "It is independent living and I am really enjoying it. My apartment is roomy and sunny and I was able to bring everything I wanted to keep with me." * "Big life change for us!" writes **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse**. "After 54 years in Lexington, Mass., in a Dick-designed house, we have moved to Quarry Hill in Camden, Maine, closer to family and to our beloved summer house on Vinalhaven Island. There are still cartons to unpack and much downsizing to accomplish." Lee says she is still cooking, but meals are available when needed. * Warmest congratulations to **Robin Willits** and **Phyllis Killam-Abell**, who were married last October. He also reports the weddings of son Roy in August and of grand-

daughter in September. Robin has been retired for a number of years; Phyllis continues to teach part time at UNH and serves on the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women. ★ Congratulations also to reunion gift committee members **Bob Clement**, **Charlotte Hickcox**, **Mary Wiszotsky McClellan**, **Jean Williams Schoch**, **Ruth Collins Shikes**, and **Alan Wolfley** for their valuable efforts to encourage giving, be it ever so small. And thanks to **Carol Chamberlayne Kimball** for volunteering to serve as a greeter at registration. A pre-60th reunion gathering this spring is being hosted by either **Phil Dunham** (Brattleboro, Vt.) or **Mary Wiszotsky McClellan** (southwest New Hampshire). —Class Secretaries: *Ann Robinson Walker (unwalker@medleas.com)*, 181 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055; and *Mr. Alan Wolfley (aw451bg@aol.com)*, 22 Canaan Close, New Canaan, CT 06840.

46 John and **Connie Smith Carpenter** are happy and relieved to be settled at Wake Robin, a continuing care facility in Shelburne, Vt. They had a busy year with their move and with trips to Arizona, Cape Cod, and New York City, the last to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Connie and John keep very busy with golf, indoor and outdoor tennis, and weekly ping-pong. Connie reports: "There are a good number of Midd grads here and we hope to have President Liebowitz speak here soon. We head for Panama in January." **Kathy Rowley Tuttle** writes that she recently got together with Connie for lunch at Wake Robin. ★ **Cindy Darby Westmoreland** reports that husband Neal is recovering nicely from a formidable operation. She fully expects him to be his usual rowdy self in a few months. We are all pleased to hear Cindy's good news. ★ **Jeanne Picard Johnson** and Art have moved from Charlotte, N.C., to a retirement community called Loomis Village in Massachusetts. The move was effective November 15. Their new address is 20 Bayon Dr., Unit 217, South Hadley, MA 01075-1799. ★ **Avery** and **Peg Rowland '45 Post** are still enjoying their lifestyle at Kendal in New Hampshire, their retirement community. They have four daughters and twelve grandchildren, a lovely family indeed. They still travel to their cabin in the White Mountains during the summer months. ★ During the fall, **Bill** and **Jan Shaw Percival** spent 29 days in Europe, touring Spain, Portugal and Italy in detail, with day trips to Morocco, Gibraltar, Vatican City, San Marino, and Lugano, Switzerland; eight countries in all. There were many visits which will be long remembered, including Franco's Valley of the Fallen in Spain and Venice in Italy. We shall also remember a quite brisk swim in the Mediterranean Sea while on the Costa del Sol. ★ **Doris Smith Earnshaw** is an editor and contributor of a recently published book, *The Berkeley Literary Women's Revolution: Essays from Marsha's Salon* (McFarland). She reports it's "about my days as a grad student at UC Berkeley." ★ **Jean Robbins Stratton** writes: "Last summer we went on a Quaker Pilgrimage to England, staying in the Lake District for a week, absorbing history of the late 17th century and walking through meadows of sheep. We saw Scotland by train for our second week. In August we were vacationing in Maine, with family and **Betsy Barclay Wales**, my longtime friend from Midd." ★ **Jimmie Smith Murphy** sends a "proverbial organ recital: My aortic aneurysm has had its annual check-up and is found to be static; arthritis in knees and lower legs is painful and

impedes walking normally, but no surgery is planned. Larry's rotator cuff impingement in left shoulder necessitates our giving up the canoeing which we dearly loved. Sad, but we are grateful for all the years we could enjoy it. Otherwise we are fine and enjoying life on the coast of Maine." ★ **Alice Thorn Laquer** reports that last spring they enjoyed a cruise to the Panama Canal and Costa Rica. After 47 years in their home, they plan a move in the near future. Two of their six grandchildren are in college in Philadelphia. ★ **Leila Taylor Baggett** reports that son Dave was a great help preparing for four Florida hurricanes. "We were blessed to have been spared any damage. Trees came down all around our neighborhood." She reports that son Rick and family moved back from Cuba last June; they now live 90 minutes from her home. Two grandchildren are in college, one in high school, and two in elementary school. Leila is "looking forward to seeing any Midd friends that come this way—and to our next reunion." —Class Secretaries: *Bill (wepercival@aol.com)* and *Jan Shaw Percival, P.O. Box 337, Cataumet, MA 02534*.

47 Last summer, several classmates held a mini-reunion at the home of **Jean Mace Burnell** on Marrowstone Island, just a ferry ride offshore from Seattle. The island gathering included Jean, **Phyllis Howland McIntosh**, and **Flo King Millsaps**. On another day, Jean, Phyllis, Flo, and spouses went by ferry to Port Townsend to meet **Jan Rogers Enzmann**, who joined them from her home on Whidbey Island. Phyll reported that the ferry crossings, the views, and the beaches were lovely. They enjoyed a crab feast, a visit to an old fort, and shell collecting on the shore. Phyll now has a basket of sand dollars on her hearth as a reminder of those walks with Middlebury friends. The Enzmanns celebrated their 50th anniversary recently with a family gathering atop the Space Needle in Seattle. ★ **Graham** and **Sally McCullough Sterritt** missed the mini-reunion because they were scheduled for a week in Maine, where Graham was taking a refresher sailing course at the Wooden Boat School, while Sally was reading, relaxing, and wandering about the village. ★ We are happy to report that **Lynn Bruhn** has been recovering nicely from an operation, getting stronger every day. Keep it up, Lynn! ★ **Mary Pitz Hunt** is recovering her strength since a bout of pneumonia last spring. Her family and friends all help, she says, and she looked forward to some snowshoeing on flat trails this winter. ★ **Suzanne Gard Knox** says that she is "finally getting used to living single," since the loss of husband George in July 2002. "It helps that both of my daughters are in this area. We are all going up to New Haven, where my son lives, for Christmas. I'm still involved in dog activities." ★ We were sorry to learn from **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** that **Hank Cady** has been in rather poor health at his retirement center in Oberlin, Ohio. We wish him well. ★ **John Moriarity** sends a remarkable report: "My son, John, who resides in North Carolina, joined two of his three brothers by undergoing a triple bypass operation. Since this century began, my wife and three of our four sons have had bypass operations." ★ **Carl Parkinson** and wife Helen celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a cruise from Florida through the Panama Canal to San Diego: "We really enjoyed seeing one of the Wonders of the World." ★ **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** and Herb celebrated his 80th birthday with a family gathering at their cottage on Lake Kanasatka in New Hampshire. At year's end, the Lauterwassers

traveled to Seattle, saw Mount St. Helens and Mt. Rainier, visited Victoria and the Olympic Peninsula, then returned to visit old friends where they used to live in New Jersey. After five years of living in New Hampshire, they are enjoying good health and life in a retirement community. They rejoice to be nearer to their family and to be active in church choir. Herb is still helping to build Habitat for Humanity houses in their area. ★ **Marion Durkee Stillman's** motto is "keep moving!" Marion seems fine after breaking her ankle, having surgery, then therapy. She enjoyed trips to concerts at Tanglewood in the Berkshires, plus a summer trip to Mexico. Visits to family were planned in Florida in January and in San Diego in February. ★ **Anne Macomber Wood** is another active traveler. She visited friends in Florida last spring, her son and family in Ohio last April, and went to London with a neighbor last fall. ★ **Alice DeLorenzo Stansbury** completed her botanic landscape course in time to visit Houston in January. She plans a trans-Canada trip in May and a brief visit to Maine in the summer. ★ In their Christmas card, Bill and **Jeannette Atkins Louth** shared five beautiful shipboard studies of clouds over water. Their closing words express a wish suitable for all: "May the heavens shine down upon you and may you encounter only friendly clouds in your life." —Class Secretary: *Virginia Stowell James (jimmyjamusj@att.net)*, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472.

48 Secretary Nourse reports: Having sold their Connecticut home in March '04, Nan and **Joe Fox** are now full-time residents of Venice, Fla. Nan walks three miles daily, while Joe maintains his 18-plus handicap by playing golf several times a week, occasionally with Buzz Tilton '53. One of the hurricanes made them evacuate to higher ground, but that proved unnecessary. Family and travel beckon—Boston, Provincetown, Baltimore, Poughkeepsie (Wash.), and even Alaska this year! ★ A brief message arrived from **David Smith**: "Sore back, new knee, still in Maine, can't complain." ★ "In 1948," writes **Bob Kellogg**, "we never imagined today's college—or world." Living in Middlebury, he and **Marya (Steele)** "see endless sports (even women's ice hockey), music and art events, attend lectures, plays, and symposia. We both ski some, sing in a college-sponsored chorale, and volunteer at the Sheldon Museum." ★ In beautiful San Antonio, Texas, retired Dr. **Dick Wolff** indicates that he and Sybil have slowed down a bit since our 50th, thanks to "age and medical problems." However, they still do a lot of work for the Methodist Church. On their last trip to Vermont they searched for the burial site of one of his wife's great uncles, who died in Libby Prison during the Civil War. Dick writes that Vermont records are fabulous and that many books have been written about Vermonters who served in the Union Army. ★ I had a great chat with **Graham Shovelton**, who has lived in Huntsville, Ala., since 1956. His wife and two sons are graduates of Auburn University; both sons live in Alabama. **Tom Johnson's** name came up; he and Graham were Alpha "Slug" fraternity brothers. Graham does a lot of choral singing. ★ I asked **Stew Washburn** for his take on the Red Sox celebration parade and here's a small portion of his reply: "Ah, but what joy 2004 did ultimately bring! As excitement, the ups and downs of regular season paled in comparison with the ALCS; down three games-to-none and down by a run in the last of the 9th when, unbelievably, the 'good guys' came to

life, crumbling the Evil Empire. To many, including me, the ensuing World Series sweep earned only #2 ranking; we'd already accomplished our #1 priority!" Our thanks to Stew, also, for recruiting **Jean Webster Skoien**, of Tampa, Fla., to serve as another class agent. Thanks, Jean! ★ **Rasjad Moore** writes: "I am now in the process of shifting from the asparagus farm north of Perth to an aged person's unit in the village of Gingin. Only those of us who seek the geographical cure know how hard it is to reduce one's belongings (and papers) without some angst. I am so glad I found your unopened letter and hope this much belated reply finds you in good nick." Rasjad had received a letter from me belatedly because he had been in Malaysia and the letter was forwarded to a friend's address and held there. Rasjad recalls the time in 1971 when he was in San Francisco, visiting a friend on the production team of *American Graffiti*. While the friend was going over the script, he asked Rasjad what college he went to. "I didn't realize until the film was released that he had apparently suggested to the director that the actor playing the mature high school teacher would say, when asked where he went to college, 'Middlebury, a little college in Vermont' (or words to that effect). Fortunately, it was a good film and a powerful statement about youth in the sad years of Vietnam." His new address is Unit 2, 14 Barlee St., Gingin, Western Australia 6503. ★ Secretary Ness reports: **Margery (Bunny) Lehmann Stillman** died last fall as the result of a car accident in a rural part of Middlebury. Her funeral was held at Mead Chapel. This totally unanticipated tragedy has left her family heartbroken. The class extends deepest sympathy to her husband, Allen, and their two daughters. ★ Marvelous caricatures of **Duke and Nancy Richardson Powell** appeared on their Christmas card, depicting the two of them atop a large collection of furniture, appliances, etc. The caption under the caricatures said, "The Powells Are Downsizing." For a number of years they have been on the waiting list for RiverMead, a retirement community in nearby Peterborough, N.H., and they are hoping that 2005 will be the year a cottage will become available. ★ **Anne Saurman Myers** and her husband are enjoying a busy and healthy retirement in West Harwich on Cape Cod. Traveling frequently to visit their five children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandson takes them to Minnesota, western New York, and South Korea. They even attended a Robert Frost Symposium in September at Bread Loaf. ★ Let's hear from all of you who have had cataract surgery, which must be the operation of choice among our age group. I've had two this year; **Sue Cook Turnbull** had one in December before heading for the Boston area to spend two weeks with three of her daughters. Sue also wrote that **Glo Pilini Miller** visited her in Kansas City for several days last spring. ★ At Christmastime, **Perry Maurer Thompson** wrote to tell me that my modest co-secretary, **Bart Nourse**, who wears a second hat as class agent, was awarded the Sid Kay Agent of the Year award at the Alumni Leadership Conference in September. Bart has raised our class participation percentage substantially and continues to strive for 100 percent participation. Let's all help him achieve this goal—every year.

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49 In honor of our 55th reunion, **Virginia Anthony Soule** wrote that she was pleased to establish a charitable gift annuity, which was a win/win process: eventual money for the College and immediate return for her—as well as a charitable tax deduction on her contribution of greatly appreciated stock. ★ **Dixon Hemphill**, who attended the 55th with his wife, "greatly enjoyed seeing old friends. The campus has changed since I was a student, but the additional buildings have only improved its appearance. I'm proud to be a Midd graduate." ★ **Alice ("Hotch") Hardie** sends "an addendum to the class notes of our favorite class secretary for the women, **Patty Allen Guthrie**, to record that loyal friends **Janet Correll Shahan**, **Mary Seacord Shahan**, and **Janie Baker** were faithful attendees at our 55th." ★ **Jane Baker** reports that "2004 has been a good year, except for the political scene. Our 55th reunion brought many old friends together. Revisiting London was glorious. Crossing the Atlantic on the *Queen Mary 2* and cruising in the Caribbean provided both abundant fun and food." ★ **Virginia Dunn Beach** reports: "We now live at Quarryville (Pa.) Presbyterian Retirement Community. We attend morning chapel six days weekly and enjoy fellowship at all meals. We're located in beautiful Amish country and are delighted with our situation." ★ We send the condolences of the class to **Priscilla Noyes Crosson** on the death of her husband, Charles, on October 5, 2004, after a lengthy illness. We are happy to hear that Keetsie is looking forward to our 60th reunion in 2009! ★ We are sorry to report that **Walter Savage** has been in and out of hospitals since early August. Although he had been through a long siege, he was entering rehab upon last word and we wish him a very speedy and complete recovery. Under the circumstances, he has requested to be relieved of his secretarial duties. It is our hope that another loyal classmate will step forward and volunteer to assist with gathering news of 1949.

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Secretary Paterson reports: Attending an Elvis Concert last night (done by a very capable Elvis imitator) made me yearn for the good old days of Glenn Miller, Bing Crosby, et al., when music was not played too loudly, and lyrics could be understood. I got together recently for an annual golf event with **John O'Connor**. ★ **Jackie Brooks Davison** moved from Lexington, Mass., to Gainesville, Fla., in August (just in time to witness our unusually volatile hurricane season). She writes: "Starting a new life near my daughter and her family is an extraordinary experience. With three young adult grandchildren, I have instant escorts to theater, ballet, local music programs, and even the Ukrainian National Dance Company." She also tells of a return visit to Lexington where she found that her former house had been replaced by a much bigger 21st-century edifice. Jackie also commented on Florida's election procedures, confirming my impressions of the past several years that Florida is a world unto itself when it comes to counting votes. ★ Responding quickly to our request for news, **Andy Namm** said he will attend our 55th. He sent along a picture taken with Thomas E. Dewey Jr., as they toured the campus of City Tech, the college founded 57 years ago by Andy's father and New York's former governor and presidential candidate, Thomas E. Dewey. Andy is

chairman emeritus of the City Tech Foundation. ★ Another response was from **Claire Dufault Wilson**, reporting that she is still active in her public library, and that she is "well and content." ★ From **Sid Kay's** November letter, we note that he and Sandie are now residents of Hendersonville, N.C. ★ Still living in New Jersey, **Gloria Bou Kelly** reports: "Feeling great. All five children are grown." ★ "For the last 27 years," writes **Nancy Warman Pihlcrantz**, "I've lived in Traverse City, a northern Michigan bay front resort area and center for the arts. Since retiring in 2001, I'm pleased to remain active as a grandparent, householder, Democrat, Unitarian, and clinic volunteer. Visitors are welcome (nancypihl@juno.com)." ★ This April, **Jean Blanchard Parsons** and her husband planned to move to a "neat new retirement home not far from where we live now. Thought we'd better do this while we are still pretty healthy." She wasn't sure yet about reunion—"depends on the move and on grandchildren's graduations." ★ **Dewitt Drohat** and wife Phyllis enjoyed Thanksgiving and Christmas week at home, with nine family members visiting—two sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren (under 8). Doc writes that his sons are excellent skiers and that their sons are beginning. ★ After 55 years, **Joan Metzger Brisbin** reports that she has left Huntington, W.Va. She spends winters in Florida and summers in Snow Hill, Md. She regrets having a conflict with our reunion. ★ We regret to report the death of **Al Craz** on June 27, 2004. Al was an active member of Alpha Sigma Psi and was extremely active in College affairs during our years there. In recent years, he had the imagination and fortitude to conduct a second career as a paralegal. ★ As our 55th reunion approaches, we would like to remember classmate **Homer Gray**. Homer demonstrated his love of Middlebury and commitment to education by providing a generous bequest to the endowment that will support future generations of students. ★ **John Corbisiero** reports some health concerns which may keep him from attending our 55th, but his letter recounts a beautiful summer trip: "Aileen and I spent two weeks in Hawaii this summer. Although we had been to Hawaii several times previously, this was the first time we were able to see the entire, beautiful island of Oahu. We were able to visit the battleship *Missouri*, which served in the invasion of Okinawa in WWII and was the place where the Japanese surrender occurred. The *Missouri* is especially memorable for me because during the invasion it was stationed in the bay just a short distance from my ship, SS *Clover Victory*. All night long it tossed those 16-inch shells on the Japanese forces entrenched on Okinawa. The firing blast was so great that the *Missouri* produced waves which rocked our ship each time it fired." John also recounts a visit to Washington, D.C., for an Air Force reunion attended by General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a member of John's fighter squadron during the cold war. ★ Best wishes for a healthy, happy, and successful 2005. We hope to see all of you at our 55th.

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51 Secretary DeLaney reports: When we talked in January, **Lee Webster McArthur** and husband Bob were about to leave their home in New Jersey for a

Midd Alumni College gathering with John McCardell in Beaufort, S.C. Many people know John for his achievements as our recently-retired college president, but some may not realize he is also well regarded for his knowledge of American history. By way of introduction to the history and culture of the Carolina Low Country, the four-day course included lectures, tours, and wonderful southern hospitality. **Will** and Carolyn Bennett '61 **Jackson** also planned to be in attendance at Beaufort. The McArthurs planned to connect with Jim '50 and **Beth Huey Newman** in Hilton Head. Thankfully, Jim is finally cancer-free and on the road to recovery, after a rough two years of multiple surgeries. * In October Dave and **Charlotte Clark Hay** celebrated their 75th birthday leaf peeping in Vermont. The fall color was spectacular this year! An added treat was watching sophomore granddaughter Emily Read play on the Midd field hockey team. * Jim and **Mary Sellman McIntosh** were also on campus that Homecoming weekend, having driven down from their vacation home in Lincoln, Vt. * David and **Joyce Boardman Kurr** stopped in Middlebury on their way to see granddaughter Caroline Adler, a sophomore at Colby. * Everyone who toured the new Middlebury library found it very impressive. Harvey and **Lois Behrman Watson** were found in the audiovisual room named in honor of Lois for her generosity to the library initiative—an outstanding space that can seat as many as 30 people. She was looking forward to hosting President Liebowitz for lunch in the new year at her home in Stuart, Fla. * **John and Helen Reid Gilmore** had planned to spend Christmas in Vail with family, but—thanks to Delta Airlines—spent the holiday quietly at home in Greenfield, Mass., after a fruitless round trip to the Harford, Conn., airport. Nevertheless, they had much to be thankful for, as John has continued, if slowly, to recover from spine surgery last summer. With Helen retired from the teaching profession, they planned to spend February at their vacation home on Florida's Sanibel Island, hoping it would still be intact after the series of hurricanes in that area. * **Joan Allen Armour** confesses to being the proud owner of two new knees, as of December 1. We heard that husband Norm '53 was doing very well with the Armour household duties. Fortunately for him, Joan is making a great recovery! * **Helen Guernsey Bates** thanks friends who sent notes or e-mail regarding the passing of Norm Bates '50 in February 2004. For Christmas, her family planned to be together for three days at a ski lodge in the Cascades. In March 2004, Helen visited **Jane Ayer Leavitt** in Santa Barbara, where Jane teaches English as a Second Language to beginning students of all ages and backgrounds. * Word has been received of the death of **Andrew Yang**, on September 12, 2004, in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Renee, and their two children and four grandchildren. * **Roland Coates** imagines that many of us have occasion to say "I don't know how I ever had time for work." Roland is busy with lots of activities—watercolor painting, golf, tennis, gardening, cooking, etc. He's also a cancer survivor. "All in all, life is great: grandchildren, family, wife, friends—who could ask for anything more?" * Now retired and living in Portland, Maine, **Philip Clarke** flew to NYC in March 2004 to be installed as the pastor emeritus of the Park Avenue United Methodist Church of NYC (the church he served as senior minister for 43 years, 1956–1999). On August 19, 2004, Phil married Bettie Lee Carothers Thomas, who wore

his DU pin in the early '50s and whom his DU brothers serenaded in the spring of 1950. "It took us a while to get it together—50 years plus—but not nearly as long as it took the Red Sox to win a World Series," Phil told his old roommate Ken Nourse '52, when writing him in late October to congratulate him on the Red Sox victory. Of course, he added, "Just wait 'til next year!" —Class Secretaries: *Charlotte Clark Hay (Mrs. David W.) (dchay22@webtv.net), 4454 Shady Ct., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008; and Robert DeLaney (wooded@together.net), 1131 River Rd., New Haven, VT 05472.*

52 Secretary Cahill reports: **Barbara Oetjen Cocchini** spent last summer on Lago Maggiore and Isola d'Elba. Last spring she did a 23-day cruise from Buenos Aires down the coast to Antarctica and up through the Chilean fjords to Santiago. This spring she plans another cruise, from Copenhagen through Scandinavia to St. Petersburg. She has expanded her business to a new company, Nippon Housing, to serve Japanese clients. Her son runs it very well when she is traveling. She also plays piano and has sculpted an angel for late husband Aldo's grave. * **Carol Whitham Brewster** enjoyed a recent walking trip in Tuscany. She's happy that son Toby and his wife and four boys have moved closer to her in Brunswick, Maine, where they both work at Bowdoin College. A writer of poetry, Carol included "December in Maine" in her Christmas card. * **Dick Ragle** is "working out at the Anchorage Senior Center to keep the 81-year-old joints from seizing up." He continues to teach geology courses at the Univ. of Alaska, Anchorage. * "We believe in 'gittin' while the gittin's good," writes **Carol Holmes Phillips**. "My women's group, the Vibrant Souls, hiked in Arizona in November and plan a ski trip in February in Colorado to Copper Keystone and Breckenridge; biking in April along the C&O Canal in Maryland/Virginia, and biking with Elderhostel in Provence, France. Why would I want to go to heaven? It's heaven right here—with senior discounts." * On June 11, **Sally Baldwin Utiger** will be inducted into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Sally! That is truly an honor. * After over 50 years in Topsfield, Mass., Peter and **Ruth Eldridge Race** are moving to a new home in a retirement village in nearby Groveland on May 1 (3 Nichols Way, Groveland, MA 01834). * Heard from **Emmy Lou Webb Leavitt**, after sending a snap of our mini-reunion last May. She has met **Louise Erb Mayr's** sister a few times, since they found out they live close to each other. * On a very sad note, we send deepest sympathy to my roommate of three years at Midd, **Paula Loughran Zahniser**, on the loss of husband Frank on Thanksgiving eve, after a courageous battle with cancer. Frank was a familiar face on campus, coming over from the Univ. of Rochester at least once a month for three years to woo Paula. * Don '51 and **Jackie Willaredt Lelong** made a sentimental journey through New England last October, staying at Bread Loaf while they toured the Midd campus. They find Sun City (Georgetown, Texas) is a great place to stay active in mind and body. * **Dee Rowe** was inducted into the Worcester Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame on November 18. A very successful coach at Worcester Academy and at the Univ. of Conn., Dee is doing well, healthwise, and was returning to Midd for two weeks in January to teach. He and Ginny (Reynolds) '53 enjoyed the holidays on Cape Cod with most of their 16 grandchildren. * Jim and **Jane Rupp Cooke** were at it again this winter,

skiing up a storm at race camp at Stowe. In early December, they enjoyed watching the Midd hockey team beat Salem State 9–3. * **William and Zoe Birren Kirby** have four grandchildren (ages 2, 3, 4, and 5). Maxim and Lucas live in Boston, while Caroline and Wallace live in Darien, Conn. Bill writes that, after six years, his eye problem has been solved, so he "can now ski again." He also reports that he recently "bought new skis and boots from Tom Jacobs's ('51) company, Inside Edge." Bill has donated a conservation easement to about 300 acres of Vermont forested woodland to the Vermont Land Trust, allowing future generations to enjoy and appreciate the land in an undeveloped state, just as the Kirbys have preserved it over the last 50 years. * Long before news of abuses at Abu Ghraib prison reached the American news media, Rose and **Haven Whiteside** were working to document prison conditions, set up legal proceedings, and reunite detainees with their families. According to their group, the Christian Peacemaker Team, many civilians are arrested in the confusion by mistake and kept in prison for months without formal charges, while their families have no knowledge of their fate. The Whitesides left their Tampa, Fla., home to travel to Iraq for five weeks in December and January. —Class Secretaries: *Jeanne Parker Cahill, 10 Old Planters Rd., Beverly, MA 01915; and Joe Davis (sensei@valley.net), P.O. Box 3, The Ridge, Orford, NH 03777.*

53 We would like to announce that **Sue Taylor** was presented with a Sidney G. Kay '50 Class Agent Award last September at the Alumni Leadership Conference. Thanks for your hard work, Sue, and thanks to all classmates for their wonderful support. * After being a leadership consultant and educator for years, **Pat Cavanaugh Boss** came out of retirement to become the coordinator of the English Learner Development program at Liberty High School in Brentwood, Calif. Pat works intensively with about 80 students, the majority of whom speak Spanish as their primary language. In 1983, Pat was named Contra Costa Teacher of the Year. * **Jean Overhysser Arneberg** caught up with **Lou Limbach Spangler** in California last June, then had special visits with **Marty Ladd Allee** and **Pat Pattyson Eckley** in November. While in Vermont during the summer, she saw **Ann McGinley Ross**, **Pat Hamilton Todd**, **Biffy Darling Sherburne**, and others. * An elated **Nancy Faust Dougherty** reports that she is the grandmother "of a totally adorable grandson." This spring she is headed for a visit to Spain—"a longtime dream!" * As a leader of Veterans for Bush 2004 in Phoenix, **Paul Fuetterer** was pleased with the outcome of the election. He planned to attend John McCardell's history course in Beaufort, S.C., in mid-January. * According to a Warrenton, Va., newspaper, **Al Bragg** is often seen around town with his aerial motorcycle, which can stay in the air for more than two hours, as well as clock 60 mph on land. Al's Web site (www.flite-bike.com) calls it "the motorcycle of the sky." This could revolutionize commuting in the future! —Class Secretaries: *Verne Goodwin (vpgoody@aol.com), 4410 Columbine Dr., Vail, CO 81657; and Ann Golding Davis (sensei@valley.net), P.O. Box 3, The Ridge, Orford, NH 03777.*

54 Secretary Ryan reports: As I write this, I think back—a long way back. Fifty years ago at this time, I was,

like many of us, on a troopship going somewhere. In my case, I was crossing the north Atlantic in January, rather than going west to Korea or Japan. Most of us were very fortunate, slipping in between Korea and Lebanon, and out before Vietnam. ★ Got Christmas cards from the **Davenport**s, **Fays**, **Gleasons**, **Moffitts**, and **Wyckoffs**. All who wrote continue to be happy and active, out there doing good things. ★ Emily and I and my sister and brother-in-law recently enjoyed a three-week driving trip from Prague through the southern Czech Republic, Slovakia, southern Poland, and eastern Germany. The architecture, particularly of Prague, Cesky Krumlov (close to the Austrian border), and Cracow, is superb, stretching back more than a thousand years. These cities had been relatively untouched by World War II (although Berlin was certainly changed, and has changed a lot again since I was there in 1955) and, with the end of communism, are happily welcoming tourists. Good car (a Skoda diesel), good weather, good people all along the way. A great trip! ★ While passing through Cheyenne, Wyo., recently Emily and I stopped and had a delightful luncheon with Ginny and **Bill Kane** at Little America, a fascinating resort on the outskirts of Cheyenne. Good lunch and good conversation with two very bright people. The four Kane children are all productive members of society (a professor, a brigadier general, an attorney, and a public relations expert); two live fairly close (considering that distances in the West are somewhat different than they are in the East). ★ Had a good conversation with **Norm Kittel**, whose health has improved remarkably in the past few months. Thank heaven for medical science! He is still very active in civic affairs in Yachats and in Oregon. ★ **Dana Preston** is happily retired in Chicago, after leaving Amoco Oil just before its acquisition by BP. Dana started with Amoco in New York and was transferred to Chicago in 1968, a city which he really enjoys. Retirement, he said, consumes all of his time. "Now I don't just scan the newspapers, I read them!" I spoke to him just before he and his brother were heading south to Florida for a few weeks. ★ **Pat Paulin Dinsmore**, of Lexington, Ky., has a new grandson in North Carolina. Since she was too busy to get out Christmas cards, she said, "they may be mailed in celebration of Groundhog Day this year." Pat is planning a lot of driving in the near future, from Kentucky to North Carolina, to Michigan, and to New York (for the Shakespeare Festival). She also plans to take up sky diving again. ★ **Dick Davenport** is happily enjoying retirement from his oil business. Betty recently had a knee replaced, but even that went remarkably well, under a new, computerized surgical system. They were about to travel south for golf in South Carolina. It's hard to believe that I saw the Davenports 50 year ago (including their eldest, an infant) in southern Germany. ★ **Christa Von Rumohr Donnelly** writes of her enjoyment of our 50th reunion. She hopes to see everyone at our 55th. ★ **Jane Coffin** said it was great to see so many classmates at our 50th. Jane is still giving evening classes in watercolor and drawing at Keene High School, while enjoying genealogy research. ★ And now a few words about one of our favorite professors, **David K. Smith**, whom I called to wish a happy new year. As you may know, he lost his wife, Carol, last year. Christmas, he said, was good, with all the family members in attendance. All recognized Carol and the marvelous influence that she had had on all of them. Additionally, a grandson attending school nearby has moved in with him. And then we talked about the lack of

snow in Vermont, the price of gasoline in Middlebury (\$1.99/gal. for regular), the need for more competition, where the price of crude oil is likely to go, and what happened to Bush during and after Yale and Harvard Business School. D. K. is still sharper than most of us. ★ That's all from Texas! Keep those cards and letters coming. And stay active, stay connected!

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55 REUNION CLASS Our 50th reunion is fast approaching, June 2–5, 2005! By now you have received the fabulous yearbook that **Nancy Walker Faulkner** and her committee put together. What memories it evokes! From all reports everyone loved reading the current bios. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do, as it will be published in a separate book after reunion. You also should have received a Class Survey that needs to be sent back ASAP in order for **Gail Howard Flanagan** to tally the results. ★ **Blair Bunting Darnell** lives close to the Rio Grande on the edge of the Albuquerque River at the Alamo Horse Farm, which she runs. Daughter Emily is an early childhood teacher and a representative for New Mexico. ★ One of our missing classmates has been found! **Robert "Benty" Entwistle** is living in Naples, Maine, with his wife, Woodsie. He's now working in client development for a firm started by his son-in-law. Called Targeted Learning, it's a "classic digital age not 'brick and mortar' company, so everyone works at home." After years of travel, it's great working at home. Bob still skis at Sugarloaf, has four daughters living nearby in the greater Portland area, one son in Reading, Mass., and the other working at Alta, Utah. ★ **Alan Gould** arranged the 20th consecutive theatrical performance and fifth open captioned presentation designed for deaf/hearing impaired theater patrons on April 16, 2005, at the Wilton Playshop's production of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None/Ten Little Indians*. Alan recently received the first Special Recognition Award by the Connecticut chapter of SHHH (self help for the hard of hearing people) at a well-attended ceremony held at the Westport Public Library. ★ We're still looking for volunteers to help with the memorabilia display at our reunion. Contact **John Baker** or **Pat Makin** if you can help in this area. Please call all your former close classmates and encourage them to return to Middlebury. It's going to be a fabulous time! We look forward to seeing everyone in June.

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56 As we begin to plan for our 50th reunion in a little over a year from now, we have another preview mini-reunion planned for September 2005 at Timberlock, **Dick Catlin's** Adirondack camp. Those of us who attended last September had a great time hiking, boating, white-water rafting, visiting the Adirondack Museum, taking long walks, and enjoying each other's company in a beautiful setting. We also began to talk about reunion planning: the yearbook, social activities, and, of course, fund-raising. We're going back to Timberlock September 8–11, 2005. As of this writing, there are 25 folks signed up and we have room for 25 more.

Singles and spouses are all most welcome. If you are interested, please get in touch with Bill or Mona at the addresses below. You'll be mighty glad you did! —Class Secretaries: **William F. Houghton** (wllho@aol.com), 16940 Knolls Way, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023; and **Mona Meyers Wheatley** (mwheatley@uris.net), 32 Hummock Pond Rd., P.O. Box 3038, Nantucket, MA 02584-3038.

57 Last October, **Xanie Post Koontz** went to Brazil with the Connecticut Audubon Society, her first trip to South America. "My companions were friends who, 60 years ago, were kick-the-can playmates." ★ **Bruce Hathaway** is traveling a lot and is still at the Kennedy Center four days a week. "Whenever I threaten to retire, they discourage me," he writes. —Class Secretaries: **Mary Ellen Bushnell** (Bushnell@mit.edu), P.O. Box 504, Peterborough, NH 03458; **O. Sam Morton** (sammorton@aol.com), 12411 Perthshire Dr., Houston, TX 77013; and **S. Wyman Rolph** (srolph@comcast.net), 2329 Park Ave., Richmond, VA 23220.

58 **David Krugman** is happy to have son Andrew '90 and family living nearby. Andrew, who teaches history at Kingswood Oxford in West Hartford, also coaches soccer and tennis. Andrew's wife, Karalyn Kinsella, practices pediatrics in Cheshire. They have two sons, Jack (3) and Sam (1). ★ After a long career with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, **Nancy Dwyer Lenz** is "in the early countdown to retirement (hopefully January 1, 2007). Trying to figure out how I can have more fun on less money!" ★ **Jamie Eppes** reports that he's "still fixing up our house for sale in spring or summer. May then move to New England." ★ Bob '54 and **Betsy Heath Gleason** "had a great experience last November, taking our granddaughter (15) to 'do' NYC for three and a half days. Next grandparent trip is scheduled for April 16, when we'll take two grandsons (12-year-old cousins) to the Grand Canyon and environs." ★ Great news from **Scotty Greer**: "On October 14 the little white ball finally behaved and, after 50 years of hacking away, fell in the hole off the tee for a hole-in-one! I was tempted to pick it out of the cup and walk off the course forever, but thought better of it and hope to keep swinging for many years to come."

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59 **Robine Andrau**, of Scituate, Mass., traveled to France with **Jim and Anne Weston McGowan** in 2002, viewing Impressionist paintings in Paris, Etretat, Rouen, Giverny, and Honfleur. A developmental editor of textbooks with Boston-based publisher PWS for 17 years, she's now a senior developmental editor at the National Fire Protection Association. She enjoys spending time with her two daughters and their husbands and children. Another project is "renovating the upstairs, with plans to set up a B&B in the near future, so keep that in mind if you're considering a beach weekend." ★ Our college soccer-team captain **Dave Collin** took part in the 50th anniversary of soccer at Midd, during the 2004 Homecoming. As a freshman, Dave played in Midd's first NCAA recognized soccer game. He and wife Connie missed our 45th, because it con-

fllicted with her reunion at Skidmore. ✱ In Goshen, Vt., Judith and **Dick Conrad** run Judith's Garden, a bed-and-breakfast in the Green Mountain National Forest. Located on an isolated dirt road near Bread Loaf, it offers hiking, swimming, golf, foliage walks, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Their breakfasts offer a variety of home-baked delights. ✱ After seven years of teaching at Southern Methodist Univ., **Martha Gerhart** resigned last spring "to return to a freelance lifestyle. Concurrently I moved to a comfortable first-floor condo (no more stairs for this 66-year-old!), where I have a fine piano and a fine space for vocal coaching at home. My days are filled with working with all kinds of singers, both students and pros, as well as working on Vol. II of *Italian Song Texts from the 17th Through the 20th Centuries*, which I hope will be completed in summer 2005. (Vol. I was published in 2002 by Leyerle Publications.)" ✱ While husband **Jeff** still works full time, **Gretchen Jordan Heebner** volunteers for the Morris Arboretum of the Univ. of Pa., an interdisciplinary center integrating art, science, and the humanities and displaying thousands of plants and trees in a 92-acre Victorian garden. ✱ **Byron Koh** continues to teach literature at Springfield (Mass.) College. He says that this spring term may be his last. He enjoys visiting with his granddaughter, but wishes she lived closer than Seattle. ✱ **Pamela Payne Lewis**, a teaching prof. of public speaking at the Heinz School of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon Univ., reports: "For the first time I was politically active during the November elections and worked very hard for John Kerry. The experience was an eye-opener, and I have new respect for folks who ring doorbells and make phone calls for causes of any kind. It's hard work! I'm glad Kerry carried Pennsylvania, but deeply disappointed that he lost the election." Pam and Gordon's sons live in Maine and California. ✱ Now retired from both his Army career and the U.S. Automobile Association insurance company in San Antonio, **John Mentor** and wife Irene enjoy traveling and caring for granddaughter Becky. They have traveled extensively in Europe, but "with the dollar going down, are now staying closer to home." They occasionally see **Don** and **Jan Brouse Taylor** when on their way to Puerto Vallarta for winter vacations. ✱ Last fall, Pat and **Fred Swan** enjoyed a two-week tour of Kenya, sponsored by African Inland Missions and led by a retired missionary. They visited several mission sites, as well three game parks where they saw a variety of big game animals at close range. ✱ This winter, the Southern Vermont Art Center hosted an exhibit of the art of **Eleanor Vinke Sweeney**. "After many years of almost exclusive black and white photography," the Art Center reports, Eleanor "has recently turned to the art of the Polaroid transfer—the process of separating an underdeveloped Polaroid peel-apart print, pressing the negative onto a receptor sheet, such as watercolor paper, to transfer the print dyes into the surface. Sweeney uses a number of cameras to create the 35mm slides she works from, including an \$18 Holga camera that, she says, 'has mysterious light leaks and produces unexpected effects.' Sweeney has also been experimenting with using multiple images. 'It seems to reflect the passage of time,' she explains, 'and the endless ways of looking at or thinking about something.'" Last September, Eleanor attended Alumni College at Bread Loaf, where she took a pastel course taught by Midd faculty member Jim Butler. She recommends Alumni College to all. Eleanor also spends a day each week with her two grandsons. ✱ **Steve Turner** is "plug-

ging along" as a writer, while wife Anne is the Santa Cruz library director. They had a pleasant December evening in Santa Cruz with Nancy and **Ren Curry** and Judi and Ralph Stone '61, "in spite of commiserating about the sad state of our nation's politics." ✱ **Sharon Spade William** (M.A. Spanish '61) has been teaching a college-level course to assist health-care providers in interactions with Spanish-speaking patients and clients at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass. ✱ **Granthia Lavery Preston** writes: "Retirement allows time for those things that get pushed aside while raising kids. For me, that means more time to enjoy my violin in both small chamber groups and in the large 70-member Vermont Philharmonic." Granthia is pleased to announce that "79 percent of our classmates contributed to our 45th reunion class gift. That identifies us as one of the stronger classes." She and **Ren Curry** are our class representatives to the Gamaliel Painter Cane Society. Fourteen in our class are members, in that they have included Middlebury in their wills or as a beneficiary of retirement plans, or have made planned gifts. For information about joining the Gamaliel Painter Cane Society, contact Granthia or Ren, or phone Dan Breen toll-free at 866-496-MIDD. —Class Secretaries: *Lucy Paine Kezar* (lpkezar@ren.com), 134 Main St., Kingston, NH 03848; and *William W. Hussey* (billhusseyMidd59@aol.com), 203 E. 72nd St., #6B, New York, NY 10021.

60 REUNION CLASS **Lindy Hill Reed** participated in the March for Women's Lives in DC, took grandson Grant on an intergenerational Elderhostel trip, and visited Boston and Vermont. After two days in Singapore, she spent three weeks in Western Australia. In between travels, Lindy volunteers with Planned Parenthood, does some workshops for Population Connection, and many AAUW and church activities. ✱ **Sally Giguere Giglio**'s most exciting trip was to China. She reports striking contrasts between the modern, bustling cities and rural farm villages. Their guide arranged a day in a village outside Xian, where they were welcomed by the mayor, party leaders, and schoolchildren. Their group will help support the school and hopes to support an English teacher, because knowledge of English offers many economic opportunities to Chinese youth. ✱ **Calvin Schmeichel** is still running the Branch Farm B&B in Saranac Lake, N.Y. Fourth grandchild David Miller Welsh was born on December 12 to Karen Schmeichel Welsh '88. ✱ Last summer, **Angie Larossa Randall** had a great experience, being a "grandmother" in a four-day program re-creating life in Jesus' day. Each "family" had a mother, grandmother, and about 12 children of various ages, representing the tribes of Israel. They did many family activities, such as making bread, stringing beads, tie-dyeing, and clay forming. And Jesus came along and taught. ✱ **John Emory** delayed his Christmas note so he could report the arrival of his first grandchild on December 18, born to his daughter, Elizabeth Emory Gabrys '91. ✱ **Polly Johnson Stephens** reports that husband Mel resumed his job as ski instructor at Mt. Snow, after a yearlong battle with prostate cancer. During his illness, Polly worked part time doing home health care. With his recovery, she jumped at the opportunity of a part-time position in human resources at Coldwell Banker's real estate corporate HQ in Waltham, Mass., giving her flexibility to continue with other activities. ✱ **Dud '59** and **Nona Lyons**

Livingston's Christmas card was a photo of the two of them by themselves in a white-water raft! They report "same old, same old"—rafting, fishing, skiing, tennis, as the seasons allow. ✱ **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** reports that she and hubby Dave are, at last, living in the same house. She sold her home of 41 years for more than the asking price—in less than 10 days! Now living in Padanam, a shore-side village just south of New Bedford, Mass., Helen bought a *pied-à-terre* condo for their trips to Boston. Last year they skied in Jackson Hole, spent a week sailing in Nantucket Sound, and spent Thanksgiving with family in Seattle, followed by a drive down the Oregon coast through the redwoods and California wine country. ✱ Last year, Linda and **Bill French** survived their first winter in Rumford, Maine. They are ready to ride with the 50/50 Club: folks over 50 who ride less than 50 mph. Bill was re-elected president of the Village Improvement Society, is a church trustee, and was appointed to help interview and hire a new town manager. They both worked on a local state senate campaign, which took them to most of the 30 towns in the candidate's district. They traveled to Tortola, Virginia Beach, and Pensacola. In Mud Season they never had to walk up the hill; their truck was able to make it up every time! ✱ **Janie Cain Bell** says she's the "poster girl" for annual gyn exams, because of the way her Stage 1 ovarian cancer was discovered last April. After major surgery, a summer of chemo, and incisional hernia surgery in November, she is now fighting fit. According to Janie, "six months earlier would have been too early and six months later would have been too late." An active ESL tutor for Literacy Volunteers of Morris County (N.J.), she also volunteers, in early 19th-century costume, as a spinner at Waterloo Village, a restored canal village in northwestern New Jersey. An avid knitter, she reports it's great fun to start with smelly fleece and end with a finished product. ✱ In January '04, Jim and **Louisa Potts Salmon** cruised to Antarctica. The scenery was magnificent and the penguins adorable. Once they had visited their seventh continent, they started over in September with a cruise on the Rhine River from Basel, Switzerland, to Bruges, Belgium. This time the magnificent scenery included castles and cathedrals. ✱ Visiting areas in Europe on their list of "things we would like to do someday," Elaine and **John Cowan** cruised from Amsterdam to Lisbon, visited Brugge, the home of lace and chocolate, Ouisstreham to see the 11th-century Bayeux Tapestry, the Normandy Beaches and the American Cemetery, Mont St. Michel, La Rochelle and Bordeaux, the Basque Country and the Guggenheim Museum, Santiago de Compostella. Sampling a variety of port wines in Oporto, Spain, they concluded that they still do not have a port palate. ✱ **Betsy Cilley Goeke**'s weekly routine includes exercise class, Tai Chi, a recorder group, and volunteering at Saugus Ironworks and the Science Museum. The choral society continues to provide the musical challenge that is not found in a church choir. In August, Betsy, husband Bob, and daughter Beth '99 went to Cold River Camp for a week, a family tradition for the past 26 years. They spent Thanksgiving in Germany with son Rob. Thanksgiving dinner was a picnic between acts of *The Valkyries*. ✱ **Joyce** and **Bob Millett** said goodbye to the house in Ho-Ho-Kus that has been in his family for 75 years and moved permanently to their condo near Madison, Wis. They spent their fifth summer in Algoma, on the Lake Michigan shore. Two of their children and grandchildren live

nearby. They also visited their son in Seattle and toured Vancouver, B.C., took a bus and ferry to Victoria, returning to Seattle on a high-speed ferry across the Strait of Juan de Fuca and down Puget Sound. ✱ In September, **Pat Knox Davies** participated in the Super Seniors World Tennis Championships in Philadelphia. Over 1,000 players from more than 50 countries participated in this largest tennis event in the world. For Pat, playing there was a celebration, five years after she had surgery and started chemo. In the main draw Pat lost to a grass court player from Perth, Australia. In the consolation draw she went on to the finals, with wins over women from New Zealand, Brazil, and Switzerland. She lost in a close match (6-3, 6-3) to a woman from Great Britain. Even more gratifying were her back-to-back wins over players currently ranked No. 18 and 3 in the USA senior division in the National Hardcourt Tournament in Folsom, Calif. ✱ Our sympathies go to **Anne Horton Ridley** on the unexpected death of her husband John in December. We were also sorry to learn that **Dean Bernasconi** died on February 6, 2002, after a valiant battle with cancer. ✱ Reunion is coming. If you cannot attend in person, please send **Jean Seeler-Gifford** a current photo, so you can be there in spirit. See you at Midd in June! —Class Secretaries: **Jean Seeler-Gifford** (jeandave@mindspring.com), 1529 Steeple Ct., Trinity, FL 34655; **Dick Wilkinson** (moviejhope@aol.com), 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and **Jan Fisher Barstad** (proimage@amug.org), 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

61 **Richard Harris** manages one of the largest and most successful citizens' water quality monitoring groups in southwestern Connecticut. If you're interested in learning more about monitoring programs, contact him at rharrishw/rw@aol.com. ✱ We regret to report the death of **Ernest Mazaika** on October 28, 2004. His late father, Ernest Mazaika Sr., graduated with the Class of 1932. —Class Secretary: **Steve Crampton** (scrampton@aol.com), 259 Hines Point, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

62 Secretary Roësset reports: Congratulations to **Judy Thomas Durkee** and son Daniel, who ended 2004 ranked No. 1 in the state of Colorado, 3.0 mixed doubles champions. They won four tournaments and 16 matches in a row! ✱ Now retired from teaching high school German, **Barbara Burr Dechet** loves skiing and enjoys being a docent at the Portland (Ore.) Art Museum. While husband George is still a full-time urologist, they "try to do a big hike each year, last September the Mont Blanc circuit in France, Italy, Switzerland. Fabulous! Children living in London, Atlanta, and Salt Lake. Our two granddaughters are beautiful, of course." ✱ Al and **Anne Thornton Bridges**, landlocked Vermonters for 19 years, went in search of oceans in 2004, visiting Baja California in February, Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park (Maine) in September, and Laguna Beach in October. Anne says beach walking is great for a successful recovery from her double knee replacement, but that setting off alarms in airports with "metal knees" is not! ✱ As loyal Boston sports fans, Brian and **Alice Couperus Gross** were thrilled with the championships of the Patriots and the Red Sox. Alice is still working at Winchester Hospital, trying to conquer the online documentation that was introduced in October, which has meant less time to dedicate

to patients. They took a riverboat cruise on the waterways and canals of Holland and Belgium with Bucknell friends, through their Alumni Campus Abroad/Lifelong Learning program. There were daily lectures by a Bucknell prof. and other guest speakers. Highlights were the Dutch Masters, the Keukenhof Gardens, and the Delta Project—a massive dam and flood barrier engineering masterpiece. They also did a family Disney Cruise for a week in the Caribbean, just days after three devastating hurricanes had blown through. She highly recommends the cruise as a wonderful vacation for multi-aged family groups. ✱ Everett and **Kathy McKinley Harris** went to Colorado for 10 days in September, which she says is a beautiful time of year in Estes Park. Rocky Mountain National Park is as enticing as Vermont, she says. They loved their hike along the Ute Trail, the elk, and day trips to Boulder and Denver. She's still driving every Thursday to David Weinstock's poetry group in Middlebury, a welcome break from domestic matters and home projects of which there were many in 2004. Kathy reports that she and Everett had a visit from **David** and **Jo Rhoades Bahn**. Jo and Kathy were roommates at Midd. ✱ **Victor Micati**, a retired senior executive of Pfizer, was recently appointed to the board of directors at Enzon Pharmaceuticals. Vic is a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry, a director of Ilex Oncology, and a member of the advisory board of Almirall, a Spanish pharmaceutical company. ✱ **Nora Wright** has been renovating her ancient Vermont home, with a total rebuilding of the kitchen. The end seems finally to be in sight. Meanwhile she is simply happy to have a front door again and not have to climb in and out a window. Fortunately her recent recovery from hip replacement surgery left her sufficiently limber to manage the window egress/ingress maneuver (though she tried to do it when no cars were passing by). An article I (Boz) read recently said that what is "in" now in upscale housing is triple appliances in the kitchen, basement basketball courts, separate exercise rooms for children and parents, indoor spas, two or three laundries, an elevator, multiple plasma TVs, and prayer rooms. I remonstrated with "Scotti" about her failure to take all this into account during her renovation and got the following reply: "Yes, I guess I didn't think things out too well, but I'm considering multipurpose rooms. For example, the new toilet could double as a meditation/prayer room (a soft seat, maybe, on the throne to make it more conducive to higher thoughts), and my cellar (which floods in the spring) could perhaps become a wadingpool/jacuzzi. I'm a little at a loss about the dishwashers, since I am the only dishwasher in the house, but maybe washing them in different sinks would count. I will actually have a laundry room now, though, so I am not a complete loser." Actually, other than this being conspicuous consumerism at its worst, I would think all these multiple TVs and exercise rooms, etc., would further fracture family life, with people living concurrent but nonintersecting lives within one household. Sigh.

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63 In a public ceremony at the Vermont State House on October 29, 2004, Governor Jim Douglas '72 and the

Vermont Arts Council presented the 2004 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts to **Jane Choate Beck**, founder of the Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury. The award is bestowed upon a Vermont artist who has achieved national or international stature for making a significant contribution to the advancement of his or her chosen art form. Jane is the first person to receive this award who is not a full-time practicing artist. For 25 years, Jane has traveled the back roads of Vermont to record oral interviews of everyday Vermonters. As founding director of the Folklife Center, she has been instrumental in keeping Vermont's folk art, crafts, and family stories alive and she has been a force in establishing a rich multimedia archive based on these interviews. Through her work with the Folklife Center, she has produced and won awards for a variety of media productions, exhibitions, and publications dedicated to preserving the folk art and cultural traditions of Vermont. ✱ **Carol Keyes Ferrentino** is still coaching figure skating part time, while husband Andy '62 enjoys retirement by playing golf and volunteering as a math tutor at Montgomery College. "We travel to our vacation home in Wintergreen, Va., every other week to escape the DC traffic and chill in the beauty and peace of the Blue Ridge Mountains, with hiking and golf in summer and skiing in winter. Our daughter, Allison, is finishing her MBA at Wharton." ✱ After 25 years as an elementary school counselor, **Sally Brooks House** retired four years ago. Now she has finished the initial training to become a life coach and she has enrolled in a leadership program connected with the Coaches Training Institute. "The rest of my time is spent with my grandchildren, an art class, two choirs, and two book groups, plus three hours of weight training a week."

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64 When NASA's Deep Impact spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on January 12, NPR's *All Things Considered* brought in **Don Yeomans** to discuss the mission. A senior research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Don is also an expert on Halley's comet, and director of Near Earth Object's office. If all goes as planned on the 268-million-mile journey of this spacecraft, it will crash into Comet Tempel 1 on July 4, creating a massive crater and releasing particles that could provide a glimpse into the origins of the solar system. We'll have Don explain it. ✱ Another classmate with an interesting career is **Charles Cox**, who visited with the Vecchiollas recently. He has over 38 years of experience in overseas development work. A Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador in the late '60s, he became the regional director for the Peace Corps in Peru and Brazil. In his association with Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA), he served as VP for operations for the worldwide program, covering some 85 developing countries. In the early '90s, he was VP for programs in Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. VOCA merged with Agricultural Cooperative Development International (ACDI) in 1997, with Charles as VP for global operations. In his current position as regional VP for Latin America/Caribbean programs, he's supervising a seven-year project in sustainable agricultural production and marketing

through cooperatives in the Brazilian portion of the Amazon Basin. He also supervises a similar project in Bolivia and manages two worldwide USAID cooperative agreements, the Farmer-to-Farmer Program and the Cooperative Development Program. ★ On July 1, **David Holmes** was appointed VP for programs at Foundation for Excellent Schools, a nonprofit based in Cornwall, Vt. For the past 13 years, he had headed Suffield Academy, an independent school in Connecticut, where he oversaw the construction of 15 new buildings and developed the nation's most comprehensive program at the high school level to foster leadership development. ★ The Greenwich (Conn.) *Time* newspaper recently honored **John Vecchiolla** as Community Leader of the Year. According to the *Time*, John has held leadership positions on many local boards and committees and has volunteered his time and talents to numerous organizations. His work on the board of education found him chairing the building committee and steering a 10-year \$42-million construction project. A state representative reports that John "never missed a building committee meeting and never lost his temper. With John's patience, legal perspective, tenacity, and understanding of building projects, our committee finished this project on time and on budget." The Greenwich chapter of the American Red Cross has also benefited from having John on its board. John and his law firm have done a significant amount of pro bono work for the Red Cross and for numerous other organizations in his community. John and wife Sharon celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary in January.

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65 REUNION CLASS

Enthusiasm is building for our 40th reunion, June 3–5. Last fall, **Bill Mueller**, **Ann Gruhn**, **Eric Hager**, **Fred Stetson**, and **Martha Saenz** met at Bread Loaf to lay out a strategy. Agreeing to cochair the social activities were **Fran Love** and **Bill**. Fred and Martha are heading up the class reunion gift effort. Joining the team is an "army" of other volunteers: **Tana Sterrett Scott**, **Andy Johnson Perham**, **Judy Sheldon Mills**, **Peter Holcombe**, **Ed Weissman**, **John Hastings**, **Tim Carey**, **Nancy Smith**, **Doug Rhett**, **Breck** (**Carolyn Breckenridge**) **Gregg**, **Angie Goldschmidt Fryberger**, **Jerry Thayer**, **Paul Prentiss**, **Fred Berner**, **Peter Branch**, and **John Elmendorf**, as well as your class secretaries. Early indications are that we may have a record turnout, so if you haven't yet made plans to attend, we encourage you to do so. ★ In the course of contacting classmates to encourage them to return, your secretary ("T") had a wonderful talk with **Peter Koedt** in Durango. Peter and I both arrived at Middlebury in the fall of 1961 after an all-night bus ride from NYC. Neither of us knew a soul at Middlebury and recalled being terrified of what lay ahead of us. Peter only stayed with us a year, then had a great career in the custom log home contracting business. Recently, he finished his degree in psychology at Ft. Lewis College and hopes to join a group practice soon. He can't join us in June, but sends his best to all his Hepburn buddies. ★ Our sympathies to Tana Scott, whose husband Chaplain Charlie Scott died in October. We are also sorry to report

the death of **Judy McCandless Orr** on November 12, 2003. And we learned this winter that **Hazel Brown** left us some years ago. ★ On a brighter note, **John Elmendorf** reports he has a new granddaughter, Courtney, born in August. ★ In other news, **Carol Haas Kelley** and husband Marv '64 are returning to New England. Last fall, Marv accepted a job at his alma mater, Northfield Mount Hermon. Carol writes: "Marv is now in planned giving at NMH, where we lived and worked between 1970 and 1980, so this transition is a happy homecoming for us. It just may take some time for us to live in the same place!" Carol continues to enjoy her position at Xavier Univ. in Cincinnati, where she will remain until their house sells. ★ **Susan Apple** writes: "Still loving Montana and being in close contact with all my children. With both girls (Lisa '89 and Susannah) here in Bozeman, I have Sam (8), Lila (6), and Sophie (3) at my beck and call, which is the best ever." ★ After 23 years at Columbia Univ., **Steven Roser** relocated to Atlanta, Ga., in January 2004 to assume the position of chief, division of oral and maxillofacial surgery, at Emory Univ. "We miss New York, but are excited about the new relationships we have formed in Atlanta." ★ "New job, new home, same love of the mountains," writes **Sally Brinkmann Blaser**. "I bought a place in Lafayette, just outside of Boulder, last July. Then I started a new job as bilingual case manager for Clinica Campesina, a medical clinic serving a client base that is 85 percent monolingual Spanish-speaking. The job is intense, but very rewarding. My growing family is doing great. Recently returned from a hut trip to Francie's Cabin, south of Breckenridge. Teleskiing at 11,300! What a thrill!" ★ **Bonnie Garr** retired from the Chicago Public Schools in January 2004 and moved to Santa Fe, N.M., the next month. "I keep up with several classmates, including **Angie Goldschmidt Fryberger** and **Barbara Clive Fagan**. **Carol Dickerman** has been a regular visitor, both in Chicago and now here." ★ During her second year of working half time, **Carol Burr** reports that she and Roger have been increasing their travels. In 2004 they visited Argentina, walked Tuscany, followed the Tour de France, toured Ireland, and cruised the Amazon. While still directing multicultural and gender studies and teaching literature, Carol is enjoying being grandmother to Olivia (4). ★ Kudos to our "retired" Fidelity exec **Randy Brock**, who upset Vermont's popular state auditor in November. Not as successful was "**T**" **Tall**, who lost his bid for the Vermont House, but he reports the experience as being one well worth the effort.

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Tom and Carolyn Sharp Hamilton retired six years ago to a community in southwest Florida on Charlotte Harbor. Punta Gorda provides them the climate, community involvement, opportunities for personal development, and outdoor environment they love for kayaking, fishing, and sailing. After last summer's bout with Hurricane Charley (including evacuating four times in six weeks to Carolyn's 87-year-old parents' home 80 miles north!), they are actively participating in the planning and rebuilding of their community. In November she and Tom spent three weeks in Asia: Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ubud in Bali—all places they had lived or worked or played during the late 1980s.

They also went to Siem Reap in Cambodia to visit the temples and experience history at Angkor: "It was a joy to retrace our old steps, visit old friends in the region, and also get away from Punta Gorda, which still looks like a disaster zone in many places. The trip soothed our souls and replenished our energy for continuing the rebuilding of our community." ★ Other travelers include **Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King**, who spent two weeks in Tuscany last October, enjoying the wine and regional dishes with four friends. At home in Hilton Head, they keep busy with their 12 grandchildren. ★ **Jennifer** and **Mike Keefe** live seven months of the year in Lake Geneva, Wis., and five months in Aspen/Snowmass. They have a daughter, Isabel (3), in addition to Mike's four adult children—Rob, who works with Mike in real estate; Alex, a prof. of eastern religions and culture at Ohio Univ.; Tom, a professional photographer in NYC; and Katy, an artist/clothing designer in Chicago. Mike writes that he's "very active in my business but have managed to find a way to get away for the winter. Lake Geneva is 75 miles from the Chicago loop and our business activity has been intense. It would be fun for us to show off our area to anyone traveling that way, or take a few turns in the mountains. We're in the book." ★ **Jane** and **Chip Elfner** have also found a way to spend time in two locations. Retired, they divide their time between town (Boston) and country (Keene Valley, N.Y.). Each summer they have a mini Midd reunion, with recent visitors including **Ken Andersen**, **Chap Garrison**, **Bill Ames**, **Susan** and **Peter Allen**, **Dick Wien**, **Bill Burke**, **Gerry Michaud**, and **Geoff** and **Val Sommers Demong**. Chip writes that **David Rothschild** "was a regular until we lost him in the fall of 2003. Rocky would have been pleased to see his beloved Cardinals in the World Series against the BoSox, but not very happy about the outcome." Chip keeps busy serving on three corporate boards, while volunteering on several not-for-profit boards and investment committees. In the summer he works with their caretaker to maintain their camp in the Adirondacks. Going to and from Boston, he travels through Middlebury and " marvels at the expansion that our college has so successfully achieved. We should be proud of that." Chip and Jane's children are both married and productively employed, although daughter Kim is on leave, dealing with the challenge of three little girls, three and under. "Grandchildren give us great pleasure and we get to see them frequently, but the class record surely must belong to the Kings!" ★ **Carol Swanson Wright** has had some ups and downs: "September 2003 was my lucky month when I taped my appearance on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*. September 2004 was my unlucky month when I broke my wrist and had surgery." Carol reports that grandson Forest is 18 months old. ★ "It's difficult to condense over 40 years into a few lines, but I'll try," writes **Gesa Burckhardt Racz**. After two master's degrees and 25 years of teaching second graders, she retired last June. She says she's slowly getting used to taking it easy! Gesa and husband Joe volunteer locally, travel to Europe and Australia, and are considering a move from Connecticut to California. Their daughters are presently on two sides of the continent. Bowdoin grad Karina (31) is married and living in Berkeley, Calif., pursuing an acting career. Younger daughter Erika (27) studied animal behavior at Bucknell and is now teaching first graders in Darien, Conn. ★ If you haven't done so, please take a minute to read Fred Stetson's ('65) tribute to **Will Sumner** on page 90 of your

fall 2004 issue. I remember Will's energy and smile across these 40 years. I know I speak for many others in extending our sympathy to Will's wife, Christie, and their family.

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67 **Gary Margolis**, Middlebury's counseling center director and associate prof. of English, was recently appointed by Governor James Douglas '72 to serve on the board of the Vermont Council on the Humanities. Gary's poem, "A Shadow of a Nest," from his book *Fire in the Orchard*, was selected by former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins to be included in his anthology *Poetry 180*, which Random House is publishing this spring. * **Linda Morse** reports that she "enjoyed seeing classmates at **Tom** and **Susie Davis Patterson's** Dunmore cottage last summer. Visited **Gretchen Sprague Tietenberg** in Maine in July." * **Kaaren Wishinski Hulbert**, who teaches fifth grade in Davis, Calif., recently made a whirlwind trip back to New England to meet daughter Robin '98 in Montpelier and begin the 3,000-mile drive west with Robin's belongings and two cats. Having received her doctorate in microbiology from Dartmouth, Robin is doing a post-doc at UC, Santa Barbara—"finally back on the West Coast, to her dad's and my delight." * In Princeton, N.J., **Huck Fairman** has moved on from screen plays to writing novels. With extensive experience with camera work, writing, directing, and producing documentaries, he used his observations from the film business in writing his print-on-demand novel, *Hymn*. Other novels are in the works. * **Alex Taylor** spotted several class members among the overflow crowd for the Manhattan alumni event in Central Park marking the opening of Christo and Jean-Claude's *The Gates*. Among them were **Susan Freier Geisenheimer** (who was rushing off to catch a flight to Bangkok to celebrate her 60th birthday), **Marion Boulton**, **Elaine Dunphy Foster**, and **David Gordon**. David still lives in Garrison, N.Y.; his daughter, who is attending Kalamazoo College, is hoping to become a veterinarian.

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68 **Barbara Ellison Stokes** and husband George (Harvard '64) run their own business in Tucson, Ariz. "We also have fun running the Harvard Club of Southern Arizona—we wonder how many Midd folk in this area would be interested in one. We spend time in Vermont frequently." * As a follow-up on the news that **C.J. Wikstrand** and husband Jim Lewis have moved to the Netherlands Antilles, we have heard from C.J.: "We are very happy here. What started out as sort of a part-time, teach-a-little, sail-a-lot, semi-retirement situation has (predictably, some of our closer friends say) turned into an almost full-time teach-a-lot situation, plus getting involved in curriculum review, faculty recruitment, and reorganization of an already pretty good little university. We have both accepted additional duties and appointments so, for the nonce, our sailing is limited to the seven weeks of breaks we get a year—but that's at least three times what it was when we were at Duke! We are also fortunate in having good colleagues and new friends, some of

whom, as Antilleans, are helping us make the adjustment to the 'It's the island, mon' speed of things more understandable. Not quicker, not necessarily acceptable, but understandable. We decided to do this in the latter half of our 50s, while we are still physically able to ocean sail and (hopefully) emotionally able to embrace new very different cultures. Our advice to those even dallying with the idea: Do it. Change is great and highly enjoyable. And you can't beat Caribbean sunsets."

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69 **Beverly Thierwechter** (M.A. German '70) is enjoying living at the beach in Delaware with husband Jim. "We do training in the D.C. area, as well as teaching for Wilmington College in Delaware in public budgeting, public administration, and German." Bev is also president of an association of over 500 homeowners: "interesting and challenging."

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70 **REUNION CLASS**
"Here I am," writes **Dennis Erskine**, "wintering in Atlanta and returning to Colorado for the summers. After selling my business in the D.C. area, my wife and I moved here to place my son in the Westminster School, where he is now in the seventh grade. We became bored with the corporate environment and I went back to the books and started a consultancy in architectural acoustics. I'm afraid we are doing more and more private screening rooms in homes than auditoria; but, it has proven to be a great deal of fun and even providing several trips abroad. Aside from that, you'll find me at a local flight school providing flight training or flying children around the Southeast for Angel Flight. I do enjoy reading *Middlebury Magazine* and catching snippets about those I knew all too many years ago." * **Tena Rodgers Boehm** is busier than ever since retiring from teaching German and working in admissions at Baylor School. She helps with elderly parents and helps with daughter Helen's son (4) and twin boys (born April 2004). Wedding plans are in progress for one of Tena's sons, plus she does volunteer work in an elementary school. * **Katharine Wardwell Roser** is "still living in what's left of the Animas Valley, north of Durango, Colo. A huge forest fire in 2002 destroyed much of the area that has been my home for about 25 years. My house escaped the flames (by about 50 feet!) and life goes on. I run a small local land trust (La Plata Open Space Conservancy) and have two daughters in college." * **Pam Penfold** is in her 20th year of editing the alumni magazine at the Univ. of Colo. "Still enjoying life in the mountains above Boulder, golf, and old friends. Went skiing last winter for the first time in 10 years." * **Elizabeth House Sky-McIlvain** is teaching eighth grade literacy at the middle school in Freeport, Maine. * **Allan "Alfie" Adoff** apologizes for being so reclusive in terms of keeping in touch. He has been a faithful reader of the *Magazine*, but "using standards of achievement that are probably at least 30 years outdated, shame regarding my lack of 'success' and 'accomplishment' have regretfully kept me from corresponding. Leaving Midd after sophomore year,

my 20s were marked by withdrawal, alienation, depression, a series of short stints at school, and a bunch of dead-end jobs. Just the same, life being what it is, there were also definite high points—including marriage in '74 to a very intelligent, pretty, and personable woman from Norway. I met her in '72 while working in a factory in France (preceded by three weeks of picking grapes in the Beaujolais region). At age 40 I was blindsided by an all-be-it friendly divorce, after four years of marriage (no children). Two years later and after losing my mother, I made a very interesting solo bike journey from Lisbon to Istanbul. In 1983 I moved from Hartford, Conn., to Albuquerque, N.M., where I learned the heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration trade. I worked for Sears for 17 years, until being suddenly laid off in May 2004. I immediately started my own appliance repair business (going well so far, thankfully). But the greatest event in my life came four years ago, when I moved from Albuquerque to Santa Fe and met a very sweet, intelligent psychologist with an adopted son (11). We married two years ago and bought a house in Santa Fe. I heartily welcome visits from friends (aladoff@att.net) and send best wishes to all." Thanks for connecting, Alfie! * **Rhoda**

Highsaw Bush reports that daughter Sarah is a high school freshman at Sidwell Friends (D.C.) and son Patrick is a freshman at the Univ. of New Haven (West Haven, Conn.), in the music and sound recording program. Rhoda continues as a librarian in the Montgomery County, Md., public libraries, where her branch manager is Kathie Meizner '75. Husband Bruce teaches second grade in Montgomery County Public Schools. "Ours is a hard name to have in these times," writes Rhoda, "as we deplore everything going on politically. We prefer to be known as the *Blue Bush* family from Washington, D.C." * **D.K. Johnston** is "incredibly proud of Sabra Field '57 for donating her entire works to Middlebury College—and of her 1957 classmates for endorsing this collection. What a joy for Midd!" * **Ginger Ward** sends great advice: "Let's make 2005 a great reunion!" We look forward to seeing everyone, June 3–5!

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71 **Grove Nichols** was looking forward to coming back for another alumni hockey game in January. The previous winter he had a great hockey reunion with Fuzzy Van Wert '70, **John Boothroyd**, and **Roger Knowles**. He was hopeful that more hockey alums would make it back this year. * **Bill Heinrichs** is serving as a congressional aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Connecticut 3rd Congressional District, providing constituent services in the district office in the areas of housing, grants, agriculture, and environment. * **Lou Mills** is in his fourth year of teaching landscape architecture at Texas Tech Univ. "Love it as well as seeing Bobby Knight throw chairs at his basketball players." * **Peter Wood** writes that he and Ellen "finally made our long-planned trip to the D-Day beaches in Normandy. Inspiring and humbling." Their grandson, Matthew (1), is "very curious and walking." * **Gay Mann Folland** is still ski racing in the New Hampshire Masters Series. She meets several other Middlebury skiers, including Cindy Wright Berlack '72, Bill McCollom '68, and Jane Rupp Cooke '52. (Both Bill and Jane were on the Middlebury College Ski Team.) In April 2004, Gay

skied in the National Master's in Aspen, where she met with Bill Post and his wife and had dinner. She turned her visit to Aspen into a five-week road trip, and returned home by way of Telluride, Mesa Verde National Park, Taos, and Santa Fe, with the rest of the journey along Route 40. She also keeps in touch with **Charlie** and **Madeline Neilson**

Rockwell. When the snow melts, she works on lowering her golf handicap, volunteers at the local public library, and reports that lately she has been reading a series about a bounty hunter by Janet Evanovitch. She also reports that *The Shipping News* and *Plain Heather Mischief* are interesting titles to look up. * **Drew Knowland** reports a change of careers: He is now working with **Brinck Lowery** at Foster, Dykema and Cabot. Drew is back to school yet again, studying for his CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst). He enjoys the work in investment management. "It's a big change from high tech [where he had worked before]. But it uses some of the same skills and it changes every day." Brinck reports that he and Susie enjoyed the Middlebury College trip to China last year with Professor Nicholas Clifford and other alums. * As for yours truly, your trusty (or is that rusty?) class secretary, I am re-reading the Harry Potter series, so as to keep up with my 11-year-old daughter, who would love to be studying at Hogwarts Academy, rather than in our local middle school, as good as it is. Send me your news and notes. I am working on a book/article about folks who face financial problems, unemployment (or finding employment), and other life changes in their fifties. Would be grateful for any anecdotes or observations.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@hancock.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905.*

72 In Madison, Conn., **Debby Soule McIlrevey** works part time for a small company and volunteers for several local foundations, while husband Hugh runs a part-time consulting business—a new venture following retirement from the brokerage business. They enjoy visiting daughter Julia at Elon College in North Carolina and escaping winter at their condo on Siesta Key, Fla. * In Acton, Mass., **Judy McCormack** balances "work, work, work" with active involvement in the community chorus; a winter highlight was the January performance of Mozart's *Missa Brevis* in C major and Barber's *Agnus Dei* (Adagio for Strings). Judy's son, Ned, is a junior at Univ. of Puget Sound, double majoring in politics/government and psychology. Daughter Megan is a freshman at Sacred Heart Univ. * In Providence, R.I., Citizens Financial Group, Inc., has promoted **Christopher Downs** to group executive VP. Chris and wife Paula and their children live in Barrington. Chris serves on the board of the International Institute and the Lincoln School. He has also been active with the Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership for the past nine years. * **Joseph Kanteng** sends best regards to all his classmates and other friends from classes of the late '60s and early '70s. He's living in Lubumbashi in the southeast corner of the Democratic Republic of Congo, near the border with Zambia. Since he uses only French, he is losing some of his English-language skills, but he would love to hear from old friends. His e-mail address is joekanteng@yahoo.fr. * **Dyane Sunn Waldron** recently sent news of her two Midd kids. Daughter Kimberly graduated last spring and is now working for an ad firm in New York. Son Brian, a junior, plays on Midd's tennis team, ranked No. 1 in pre-season NCAA polls. Brian himself is ranked No. 2 in the country! Mom

is very proud!

—Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jchurch@sienahs.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham (jwingham@bosleyrealestate.com), 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

73 **Peter Hamlin** has been appointed to an associate professorship in Midd's music department, where he's teaching theory and electronic music. A prolific composer, Peter had been teaching at St. Olaf's College since 1992. * **Andy Wentzel** continues to be active as a professional singer, appearing on concert and opera stages around the world. For 10 years he has also been concentrating on building a training program for young singers at the Knoxville Opera Studio (affiliated with the Knoxville Opera and the Univ. of Tenn.) in Knoxville, Tenn., where Andy lives with wife Karen and son Forrest (13). * **George Schirtzinger** sent best wishes to all for the holidays and the new year. He anticipated spending Christmas with daughter Alexa in his village in Salvador, where she is serving in the Peace Corps. Son Eric is doing a year abroad in Graz, Austria, and son Peter is finishing his senior year at Univ. of Rochester. George remains in Dallas for the moment: "Plans to move my business to Texas are on hold (despite a much better year than in '03) and likely not to proceed. I may relocate back to California until we figure out what to do and where to be, which is not California. Like for other small manufacturers, life is hard enough without the regulatory and cost climate there. I have set modest goals for '05: See my kids graduate and/or repatriate, figure the company out, and stay on a consistent exercise program. I have a small social life, but the other goals take precedence and '04 has been mostly six-seven day weeks, working to keep the business afloat. Being solo is not so bad and I have expanded my cooking horizons, among other things. Even had people over for dinners and all have survived. I am contemplating picking up a camera again or starting a go-kart racing program, if I find myself with a lot of time. I have been encouraged to do some writing and might take a whack at that, political commentary or other non-fiction, but it sounds too intellectual right now, not restful." * **Tom Shea** has been appointed the new managing director and head of the New England office (located in Marlborough, Mass.) for executive compensation firm Pearl Meyer & Partners. Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner at Ernst & Young, LLP. Before entering the consulting field, he worked in corporate compensation, HR management, and IT development/process improvement at two large financial and engineering services companies. A frequent presenter on HR strategy and rewards, Tom has been published and quoted in *Management Review*, *Forbes*, the *New York Times* and other leading publications. * Your secretary has two new developments to report. I will become a full-time faculty member at New Jersey City Univ. in the department of literacy education. And my play *Difficult Subjects* premiered in the Strawberry Festival of One-Act Plays in NYC during February.

—Class Secretary: *Deborah Schneider Greenhut (writerDSG@comcast.net), 35 Patton Dr., East Brunswick, NJ 08816.*

74 **Trudie Thompson** (trudiethompson@aol.com) has been a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department since 1985. This August she'll mark 30

years with the U.S. government, including nine and a half years in the Army. Her most recent overseas post was Canberra, Australia (1999–2002). She received a (second) master's a couple of years ago, in strategic intelligence, from the Joint Military Intelligence College, run by the Defense Intelligence Agency. Since then Trudie has been detailed to another executive agency, where she will remain until summer. She hopes to get back overseas: "Being in Washington means I'm a bureaucrat like everyone else, whereas being overseas as a foreign service officer is so much more fun!" *

Geoff Smith left a dean of admissions position at a graduate school in San Francisco to become director of college advising at a new private secondary school in San Francisco. He reports that he's "having a wonderful time—great kids, great parents, great faculty, great head of school—and all within walking distance of our home." Jeff's wife, Crystal (Dornhoefer) Gromer, is revising the first draft of her book (historical fiction) and will soon be in the hunt for an agent and a publisher. *

After 28 years in the corporate world, **Russell Anderson** wanted to do something different. So he and wife Beth sold their Glastonbury, Conn., home and moved with their three children to Falmouth, Maine. He had been a senior VP at both Cigna in Hartford and UNUM in Portland. Now he's the new president of Maine's MS Society. *

Peggy Hart has put her Middlebury history degree to good use, in a new and unique way. Working in collaboration with local sheep farmers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency, and staff from CISA (Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture), Peggy began weaving Massachusetts heritage wool blankets in August. Although she's utilizing huge vintage 1940s industrial looms, the demand already seems to be exceeding the supply. In addition to the heritage blankets, Peggy works on a range of her own creations in her Buckland, Mass., studio. *

Alan Harvey is president-elect of the Massachusetts Medical Society; look for his listing in the *New England Journal of Medicine* this May. At Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Alan can be found in the department of anesthesiology, peri-operative, and pain medicine. * Best wishes to newlyweds Caroline and **Gregory Gross**, married June 12, 2004, in Siasconset Union Chapel, Nantucket Island. Caroline is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Harvard Square. Greg is the cofounder and chief executive officer of Two Brattle Center, a private psychiatric facility in Cambridge. They live in Charlestown. * In NYC, 25 years after developing a brownstone on the Upper West Side, **Karen Jacobson** and **Mike Schlegel** are collaborating again on two buildings in Brooklyn, located two blocks from the Brooklyn Museum. They recently went out for a special celebratory dinner with spouses Tom Molholm and Cynthia Schlegel. * Lots of news from your co-secretaries **Barry Schultz King**, one of Vermont's most respected environmental educators, recently received two major recognitions of her many years of work in that field. She received the "Non-formal Educator Award" from the New England Environmental Education Association at their annual conference, a major acknowledgment from her environmental education peers. In December, she received the Vermont Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and Pollution Prevention (education and outreach category). Congratulations to Barry. * **I (Greg Dennis)** recently took the plunge and moved back to Middlebury, fulfilling a longtime dream to live in

Vermont again. My wife and I bought a new house a bit north of the Middlebury Green, with a marvelous view of the Adirondacks. (Coincidentally, one of the two very capable young men who built the house is Oakley Smith, son of classmate **Alison Parker**.) After living for 28 years in San Diego County, Karen and I have quickly adjusted to the much cooler winter. Middlebury is a terrific town. There's lots to do outdoors, the College of course offers plenty of interesting events (for example, we've turned into hardcore hockey fans), and people have been very welcoming. I'm lucky enough to be able to do my consulting business (PR and marketing for healthcare technology companies) from my home office, so the move has gone just about as smoothly as possible. We feel very lucky to be here.

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75 REUNION CLASS For almost 25 years, an Italian-American from Connecticut has been instilling his passion for Mexican folk music in hundreds of schoolchildren in Fort Worth, Texas. **Bill Gradante** is *el maestro de los mariachis*. In a town where more than half of the students identify themselves as Hispanic, Bill uses music to convey Mexican tradition and history. Starting in 1980 with a state arts grant, his mariachi movement has spread from an initial band of 15 students to six Fort Worth campuses and at least 84 schools throughout Texas. A working mariachi himself, Bill plays weekend restaurant gigs to supplement his teacher's salary. He also gives private guitar lessons, plays on a coed soccer team with wife Jennifer, coaches soccer for kids, and juggles matches between daughter Jessica (11) and son Tony (9). He credits Jennifer with planning and organizing all these activities. **Kathy Smith Ward** reports she is "working in the most fun job I've ever had—developer with the Dallas Opera. The city is building a new Opera House by 2009, so there's lots of opera momentum at the moment." Kathy also informs us that she gets "to see **Rick Hodes** in Dallas when he flies Ethiopian children to Dallas for the free medical surgery that he has arranged via the Internet. He's amazing." Rick performs medical missionary work in Ethiopia through a nonprofit, Slum Doctors. "Every class should have an Albert Schweitzer," writes Kathy, "and he's ours. While he is too busy to blow his own horn, Kathy urges you to learn more about this organization and his work." **The music director of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville, Ill., recently asked Susan Currie Price to write new words to an existing hymn tune of her choosing. The hymn was to be sung at a service in which writers within the congregation would be acknowledged. Susan was happy to comply and "Middlebury" was the name of the hymn tune she chose. "For some reason," as she puts it, "I just felt drawn to it!"** **Lisa Broner Cort** and husband Bruce live in Potomac, Md., with two sons and a new puppy. "The boys activities keep me busy," writes Lisa. On a recent visit to the Midd campus, Lisa found "it clearly has evolved from a small college environment when I was a student, with the new buildings that have gone up." **Since 1987, Bob Jones has been working in the paper industry as a process control engineer at Mead Paper, Appleton Paper, and now Fox River Paper in Urbana, Ohio, for the last five years. He retired from the Ohio National Guard in**

1994. "Still happily divorced for 12 years, daughter Kelly (14) lives with me during the week. She's the brains in the family and is a level 8 gymnast. Last season she was the Ohio State Champion at uneven parallel bars. Rebecca (7) is my artist and soccer player. Her art is a bit on the Impressionistic side, but more valued than a Matisse in her father's eyes. Both girls have been skiing since they were two years old. No Midd sightings since the 25th reunion, but I'll see everybody at the 30th." **And we hope to see all of you at Middlebury, June 3–5!** —Class Secretaries: **Roger King** (roger.king@softwarespectrum.com), 4128 Canuth Blvd., Dallas, TX 75225; and **Paige O'Connell McGuire** (paigellen@aol.com), 1134 Waterloo Rd., Benwyn, PA 19312.

76 Susan Lewellen LeFeber graduated from the Univ. of Dubuque Theological Seminary in December 2004, with a master's of divinity degree. She was ordained on January 22 at Northshore Congregational Church in Fox Point, Wis., where she will be the associate pastor. **Patrick Regan** has been in the news as the senior correspondent for science and technology at NJN Public Television and Radio in Trenton, N.J. Patrick was named a finalist by the National Academies for the 2004 National Academies Communication Awards and chosen in the TV/Radio category for his "Science and Technology Report," covering news about scientific discovery, innovations in technology, and math and science education. Prior to joining NJN in 2001, Patrick was employed by Lucent Technologies, where he was a science and technology writer, magazine editor, and spokesman for Bell Labs. His published writing includes "NASA's Mission Reliable" (*Computer magazine*) and *Exploring the Little Rivers of New Jersey* (Rutgers University Press, 1993). In addition, he's a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and a New York Times professional fellow. **Joan Carroll Henderson** (deljcrobb@aol.com) has been working for nine years as the health educator in the health information services department at the Univ. of Va. Health System. In 1994, Joan married Del Henderson, who is retired from being the director of radiology for 22 years at the Univ. of Ky. Hospital. "[We] promptly moved to Virginia to take care of my mother, who had suffered a stroke the previous year. Del and I live at Lake Monticello, which is southeast of Charlottesville. We have a home right on the lake and enjoy boating, swimming, and water skiing. I am also the director of the local Sweet Adelines chapter, the Skyline Harmony Chorus, a 30-woman a cappella chorus. It reminds me of when I used to sing with the Mischords, only this chorus is bigger! We have a lot of fun, enjoy singing throughout central Virginia." They were planning a major show on March 20th. **John Germanow** (johngerm@frontiernet.net) and his new wife Ann were married last July 31 in a backyard ceremony at their home in Pittsford, N.Y. "The setting was great, alongside a creek which runs behind our house and backed up by a wooded area and surrounded by family and close friends. It had rained off and on all day, but the sun came out in time to shine down upon us that evening! We celebrated under a tent in our yard until the wee hours. Our honeymoon was a week of R&R, touring, eating well, and enjoying the beaches of St. Maarten. Ann and I have a merged family of seven—her three kids and my two, plus a wacky Wheaton Terrier. Fortunately, our group gets along great. My oldest son is a sophomore at Univ.

of Va., Ann's oldest boy is a sophomore at Univ. of Rochester, we each have two boys who are juniors in high school, and Ann's daughter is a seventh grader. The next big family event is her Bat Mitzvah this May. Professionally, I keep very busy working on raising venture capital for promising local hi-tech companies and putting merger and acquisition deals together. I'm affiliated with an M&A firm based in Philadelphia and we in turn are active members of an international organization of professional M&A advisors. Ann and I are working on a startup business venture of our own as well." **We regret to close these notes with sad news, but Jeffrey Russian died in his Manhattan home on January 7, 2005, from lung cancer. Jeff was the vice president of finance and planning for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. We offer our condolences to his wife Anne, his son Zachary, and the other members of his family.** —Class Secretaries: **Gary Holmes** (gholmes@rlmnet.com), 29 Patricia Ln., Darien, CT 06820; **Chris Mead** (CMead@avclaw.com), 146 Camino Sobrante, Orinda, CA 94563; and **Stephanie Shapiro** (stephanie.shapiro@baltsun.com), 604 Gladstone Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210.

77 Ellen Bedichek reports that she is "still healthy, happy, and busy in Richmond, Va." She was heading to western Virginia this winter to ski with husband Mike Kelley and children Stephen (12), Elizabeth (10), and John (5). Ellen hopes to see Middlebury again—"sometime!" **In Princeton, N.J., Buzz Woodworth has left Keller Dodds & Woodworth to open his own commercial real estate office, focusing on tenant representation.** **Last fall, Patricia Wilson was back at the Brattleboro School of Dance, teaching her Dunham style jazz classes.** **Jonathon King has left Dartmouth to become president and CEO of UNC Management Company, which invests endowment funds for the Univ. of N.C. at Chapel Hill. He had managed Dartmouth's endowment funds, as well as other assets, since 1999. Although Dartmouth has a much larger endowment than UNC, Jon reportedly finds that Chapel Hill has "a much better climate" than New Hampshire.**

—Class Secretaries: **Bob Lindberg** (rlcl@linrip.com), 6 Jefferson Dr., East Granby, CT 06026; and **Ed Young** (ecyoung2001@yahoo.com), 15602 N. 13th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

78 Secretary Noble reports: Last May, I left private practice to become general counsel at Middle East Television Network, Inc., a 24/7 news and information channel that satellite-casts Alhurra TV to millions of people in 22 countries in the Middle East. Though our funding comes from Congress (our broadcasts are commercial free), the company is a private nonprofit and is editorially independent. We broadcast only in Arabic and only in the Middle East (you cannot get the channel here). Helping to manage a start-up television network (Alhurra TV didn't exist a year ago) designed to offer an alternative voice to Al Jazeera has been fascinating and challenging. And I am struggling to learn Arabic! **An anonymous West Coast source recently informed me that Maddy Terry (daughter of Bern Terry) was heading off to Midd as a February freshmen, bringing the total number of '78 kids at the College to, well, it's got to be at least a gazillion.** **Dirck Roosevelt is the new director of the Brandeis Teacher Education Program. Until last summer, Dirck had been the director of**

WEDDINGS



Montauk Point, N.Y., was the scene of a celebration following the marriage of Annie Cowherd '80 and Ric Kallaher on June 12, 2004. Middlebury friends with them (all 1980 unless noted) included Susanne Rohardt Strater, Kurt Strater, Sue Follett Panella, Michelle Melough Murphy, the newlyweds, Paula Carr Cummings '82, Peter Gardner, Kristen Mix, Jim Manning, and Judy Kula Walklet.



Katie Edwards '90 and Katherine Lemon were married on October 9, 2004, in Orleans, Mass., at Skaket Beach. The celebration included Lisa Makuku '90, Katherine, Katie, Heidi Bruckner Fliegau '90, Lisa Eder Davitt '90, and Deb Groves Ranicar '90.



On December 6, 2003, NYC was blanketed with 18 inches of snow for the marriage of Darcie Eckert (Princeton '89) and Patrick O'Donoghue '85. Despite the inclement weather, several Midd friends were in attendance, including Bill Betz '85 and wife Michelle, Pete Lamson '85 and wife Lynne, Mark Nardella '86 and wife Karen, John Aicher '86 and wife Stacey, and Lansing Teal '86.



The celebration following the wedding of Jocelyn Nill '97 and Craig Beni '96 brought a large gathering of Midd friends to Lexington, Mass., on August 14, 2004: Catherine Herrick '97, Amy Nichols '97, Becky Cowgill Wilkoff '97, the newlyweds, Jen Horn '97, Jessica Weinstock '97, Chamblin Johnson Ruoss '97, Elizabeth Beatty Wichmann '97, (middle row) Liza Ward '97, Amy DiAdamo Foster '97, Christine McCann Hamner '97, Laine Catlin '97, Ashley Nill Honerkamp '95, Charlie Whinery '96, Sarah Archibal Holmes '95, Scott Holmes '96, Seth Ruoss '94, (back row) Erin Sullivan '95, Molly Lukins Burke '97, Brian Burke '97, Amy Atwood Kvaal '96, Andrew Kvaal '96, Brad Soroca '97, Jeff Wichmann '97, Brad Corrigan '96, Keith Liljegren '97, Nick Wilkoff '97, and Ethan Beck '96.



Jackie Pelton '97 and Brad Hoglund were married November 20, 2004, at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, where they celebrated with Lena Jessen, Karen Lewis Jacobs '97, Suzanne Daley '96, Laura Wright McCray '97, Meredith DuBarry Huston '97, Catherine Mitchell '97, Wendy Ekman Lewis '95, (back row) Jonathan Nass '97, Matt Ralston '97, Julie Ralston, Jeff Rea '97, Andrew Jessen '97, Stephanie Crumb '00, Rob Birdsong '97, Elizabeth Frazier '97, Ian McCray '95, Chris Clough '97, Jim Walsh '97, and John Goebel '88. Missing the photo: Arnold Lewis '95, Jed '99 and Amy Flanders Harris '97.



Tetyana Bisyk '98 and David Cloyd were married in a bilingual ceremony at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the East Village on May 22, 2004.



A June 19, 2004, Mead Chapel wedding for Jessica Silverman '00 and Robert Bryan '01 was followed by a reception at the Waybury Inn: Eric Zink '00, Alyssa Pappas Zink '00, David Paul '00, Chris Paul '01, Chris Cheang '01, David Bracken '00, Josh Gutierrez '01, Tim O'Keefe '01, Ellen Guettler '01, Peter Jacoby '01, Jeanne Restivo '99, Corey Wilk '01, Tim Boarini '01, Matt Arnould '01, Nick Reeb '01, Kelvin Roldan '01, Ann Einsiedler Crumb '71, Dan Bryan '98, Ashley Twyon Bryan '99, Kate Lockwood Bracken '00, Stephanie Crumb '00, Ryan Conviser '00, Lori McMahon '00, Michelle Holt '00, Jamien Richardson '00, Kate Griffiths '01, Leslie Fox '01, Jameson Tweedie '01, Laura Yee '01, the newlyweds, Brent Boscarino '01, Jessica Widay '01, Melanie Rausch '01, and Jason Lemire '01.



The Mead Chapel marriage of Gretchen Henkel and Corey Davis '91 took place on July 21, 2001. Celebrating at the Blueberry Hill Inn reception were Mary Ellen Claffey, Leslie Kane '91, Marlana Faxon '92, the newlyweds, Kate Albin Lindberg '92, Heather Morris-Wohl '91, Carolyn Epps Gilbert '92, (back row) Blaine Davis '96, Jen Paris Capute '91, Steve Cox '92, Deke George '93, Todd Capute '91, Bob Cluss, Anne Klinck Cluss '87, and JJ Gilmartin '92.



Jen Handal '98 and Ned Catto '96 were married in a redwood grove on a private vineyard overlooking Napa Valley. Celebrating with them on August 21, 2004, were Dylan Mader '96, Robyn Erman '97, Tyson Lien '99, Markell Kiefer '96, Kirby Harbeck Rosplock '96, Mimi Mather '96, Michael Higuera '97, Darcy Falkenhagen '98, and Graham Tracey '98. Liza Ward '97, Kris McGuffie '97, and Alison Donley '98 missed the photo.

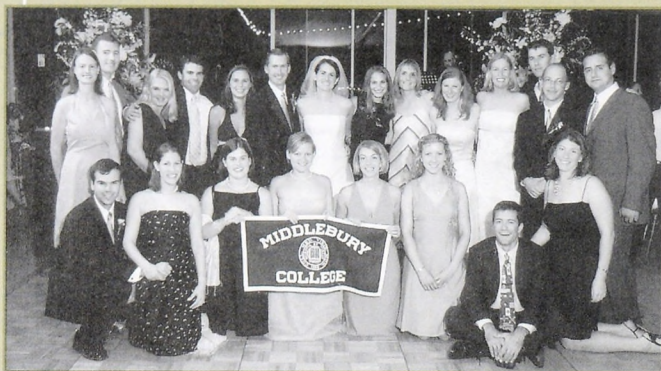


After waiting out the morning rain, a beautiful summer night arrived on August 21, 2004, for the wedding of Kate Landis '99 and Mike Loewengart '98. Celebrating at the Waybury Inn were (all '99 unless noted) Alanna Shanley, Buffy Hastings, (standing) Erin Harrington, Holen Miles, Mike Moisio '96, Liz Frankel, Jon Mone '98, Rite Moisio, Malaya Rivera-Drew, the newlyweds, Isaiah Hemmen, Adam Green '98, Lisa Yamner Green '01, Jason Golder '98, and Ron Nobile '98.

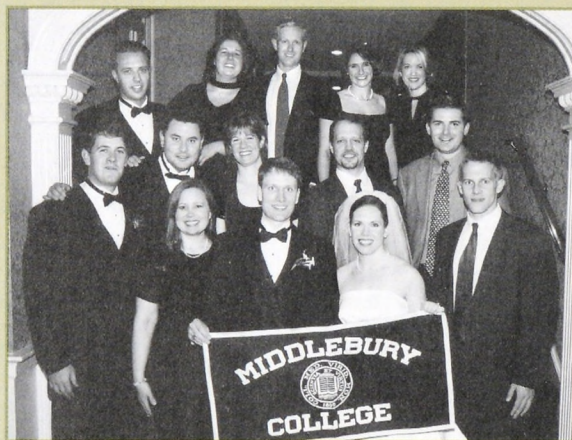
The August 7, 2000, wedding of Beth Walton '90 and Alex Chang '90 took place at the Atwood Ranch in Sonoma, Calif. Celebrating with them were (all '90 unless noted) Ted Pick, Liz Zale, Annette Madden-Kline, Barbara Menzel Beebe, Amy Carmola Hauf, (middle row) Ian Kelley, YoungHae Chu Traina, Ted Grandy, Geoff Coffey, the newlyweds, Peter Harris '92, Rebecca Hoyt Crowder, Jennifer Kelley, Lisa Bozarth Thomas, Mark Mirsky, (back) Matt Traina, Bill Eaton, Amar Ranawat, Andy Rosenshine, and Doug Kline '89.



WEDDINGS



Following the July 10, 2004, marriage of Ann Russell '01 and John Felton '99, friends celebrated with them at a Beach Club reception: Chris Lindstrom '99, Abbey Haber '01, Kelsey Doub '01, Kate Sabatini '01, Kate Collins '01, Carolyn MacDonald '99, Pete Steinberg '99, Sara Doniger '99, (standing) Susie Church Maxwell '97, Brad Maxwell '99, Kristen Vogel Blabey '99, Tom Blabey '99, Elizabeth Cassidy '99, the newlyweds, Amie Fernandez '01, Claire Bowen '02, Molly Magill '99, Alix Goelet '99, Dan Meyer '99, Robby Levy '99, and Greg Parent '99.



When Julie Gormley and Mark Schade '95 were married on November 16, 2002, they celebrated with Midd friends (front) Dudley Winthrop '94, Trystan Phifer O'Leary '95, the newlyweds, Theo Dolan '94, (middle row) Brendan O'Leary '94, Christine Waasdorp '94, Wright Frank '95, Alex Cobb '95, (back row) Matt Hamilton '95, Phuket "Pooky" Rubel '98, Ryan Jennings '93, Jennifer Kahn Hamilton '96, and Kara Sweeney '95.



Miriam Laranjeira '99 and Tom Kreuzer '99 were married on July 17, 2004. Middlebury friends making the long trek to the bride's home country of Portugal were Peter Brooks '99, Erin Steimle Brooks '99, Peter Barber '01, Debbie Bailey Kreuzer '96, Mike Kreuzer '96, Erin McManus O'Donovan '99, Adam Dreiblatt '99, the groom, Eric Davis '96, Jesse Koenig '99, the bride, Susan Givens '99, Jessica Foote '99, David Devito '99, Suzie Lopez '99, Betsey McCall '99, Mimi Doggett '99, Dave Gwinn '99, Janice Rodman '00, and Ted Ogden '99.



Middlebury friends from the Class of '95 celebrated following the Vermont marriage of Bethany Saulpaugh '95 and Joseph Fitzgerald on July 17, 2004: Emily Aikenhead Hannon, Sarah Carlat Kennedy, Harlan Kennedy, the newlyweds, Lisa Polizzi Molloy, and Sofia Andersson.

The Lake George (New York) wedding of Wendy Ekman '95 and Arnold Lewis '95 on September 4, 2004, brought together Tracey Grant '95, the newlyweds, David Zappulla '95, and Jackie Pelton '97.



Following the August 7, 2004, wedding of Shannon Egan '02 and Jeff Vollmer '01, a reception at Westchester Country Club in Rye, N.Y., brought together Amanda Macomber '02, Kara Leibel '02, Meg Roach '02, Mandy Smeal '02, Kellianne Egan '04, Emily Egan '06, Becky Swenson '02, Lynn Proudan Garafolo '92, (standing) John Robertson '01, Scott Strickler '02, Ed Allen '06, Mark Hannigan '05, Dane Callow '02, Katie Tallon '02, Eliza Johnson '02, the newlyweds, Grayson Stuntz '02 (behind the bride), Scott Goldman '01, Matt Skoglund '01, Jack Kennedy '02, Jackie Spring '01, and Brian Ferry '02.



There was a large Middlebury turnout for the August 7, 2004, marriage of Greta Simmons '01 and Christopher Herbert '01. Gathering at the Fairfield, Conn., home of the groom's father were (all '01 unless noted) (kneeling) Andrew "Rogers" du Pont, Samuel Wilson '00, Mat Sorokin, Jonathan Cormier, B.J. Otten, Brian Arcese, (standing) Claire Bowen '02, Anne Elkins, Lauren Cullings, Johan Lane '00, Victor "Kenny" Shaio, Matthew Rymzo, Tory Jennings, Mike Saunders, the newlyweds, John Wenner '00, Carrie Thompson, Erin Sussman, Chad Malone, Francisco Peschiera, Leslie Edwards, Charles Macintosh '99, Robert Trail '02, Kristin Behr, and Christopher Cheang. Missing the photo were members of The Grift: Clint Bierman '97, Neil Matthews '96, Jeff Vallone '98, and Peter Day '01.



The marriage of Lori Kate Calise '92 and Gary Smith took place on July 10, 2004. The celebration in Cordillera, Colo., brought together Toby Fenwick '95, Ellie Holley '93, the newlyweds, Carol Anderson Matthews '68, Jim Calise '88, Tammy Caruso Dalton '92, (back) Vic Micati '62, Nick Calise '62, Mart Matthews '66, and Bob Dorf '65.



The August 21, 2004, marriage of Beverly Grossman and Dana Palmer '94 was celebrated in Garrison, N.Y., by Graham Van Keuren '94, Aaron Ernst '94, the newlyweds, Jack Jessup '94, Eugene Lee '94, (back row) Eric Elley, Damaris Lounsbury, Derek Lounsbury '94 (with baby Allison), Kristin Coviello Lounsbury '04, and Mike Lounsbury '88.



In the Napa Valley of California, Krista Wiles and Aaron Moatz '00 were married at the Harvest Inn on August 28, 2004. Celebrating with them were (all '00 unless noted) Myles Sibley, Susie Strife '01, Scott Leach, Jed Raymond, David Campbell, Brendan Creedon, Curt Goldman, Katie Raben, David Seeley '02, Jen Harding, and Ben Fritz.

Leslie Fox '01 and Matthew Arnould '01 were married on September 18, 2004, at the Wequasset Inn and Resort in Chatham, Mass. Joining in the celebration were (all '01 unless noted) David Cohen, Sarah Theall, Kristen Sylva, Jessica Fox '07, the newlyweds, Becky Ruby, Kate Griffiths, Val O'Hearn '02, Kelsey Doub, James Tsai, (back row) Lauren Brierley '03, Matt Markowski, Sam Dettmann, Ben Johns, Chris Cheang, Tom Keon, Mike Kerkorian, Neil Onsdorff '03, Jason Jenner, Kelvin Roldan, Corey Wilk, Chris Kestner, Lindsay Frost, Peter Jacoby, and Jeanne Restivo '99.



teacher education at the Univ. of Mich. in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he completed his doctoral work before joining the faculty. * **Steven Kolyer** continues to live in Manhattan and spend weekends on Long Island's North Fork with wife Andrea and children Abigail (3.5) and Henry (1.5). Steven reports that he is head of U.S. securitization at Clifford Chance, the world's largest law firm. * **Paul Cody** writes: "My co-parent, Cindy, is home-schooling our son, Kevin (13), for eighth grade. My lover, Matt, was laid off due to funding cuts last June, so he decided to pursue his associate's in education at the community college. I am in my 17th year at the UNH Counseling Center." * **Mitchell Uscher** wrote the book and lyrics to *Mamaleh!*, which premiered in Florida in 1999 and was running recently in New Brunswick, N.J. With a score by Roy Singer, the musical is about the lifelong friendship of three Jewish-American women, a musical tribute to Mitchell's mother and her two best childhood pals. * While many CEOs are exploring ways to outsource work, **Elisabeth Robert**, CEO of the Vermont Teddy Bear Company, is reportedly doing just the opposite. She believes that by skipping the middlemen, she and her team members can learn quickly what's effective and what's not. Must be something to it, since she has transformed Vermont Teddy Bear from a money-losing small company into a much bigger, profitable company, while maintaining the small-company culture and quality. * **Adrian Benepe** and **Charlotte Glasser** have checked in from NYC, where Charlotte is in her last semester at the Columbia Univ. School of Social Work. With an MSSW in hand this spring, she hopes to work as a high school counselor. Son Alex, a senior at the Bronx High School of Science, is awaiting spring college letters. Son Erik, in eighth grade, has taken up the electric guitar—loud hard rules! —Class Secretaries: *David Jaffray* (djaffray@mchsi.com), 18427 Heathcote Ln., Deephaven, MN 55391; *Phyllis Wendell Mackey* (phyllismackey@hotmail.com), 120 Glade Path, Hampton, NH 03842; and *Anne Rowell Noble* (annenoble@mail@aol.com), 310 S. Saint Asaph St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

79 On behalf of the Class of '79, we extend our appreciation to **Maggie Paine** and **Donna Brewer** for their years of service as our class secretaries. They collected and shared our news, helping us stay in touch between gatherings. Special thanks to Maggie for maintaining her stamina and grace in the job for some 25 years, and for her role as one of the co-chairs of our amazing reunion last June. * As we reflect with sadness on the death of Chaplain Charles Scott, we note the important work of two classmates: **Brad Armstrong**, who cared for Chaplain Scott as his physician, and **Laurie Macaulay Jordan**, who visited with him over the course of his illness and led the memorial service that helped the community mourn his passing and honor his life. * **Ian Baker** has once again received rave reviews for his recently released book, *The Heart of the World*. It comprises the memoirs of his journeys into the unexplored depths of the world's deepest gorge, the Tsangpo in the Himalayas. As a world-class climber/explorer and a Buddhist scholar, Ian undertook not only a series of spell-binding and harrowing expeditions but also a holy pilgrimage to both the physical and mystical heart of the Tibetan Buddhist faith. John Elder writes, "Ian Baker's gripping account of his expeditions into Tibet's fabled Tsangpo region is richly informed by the stories of other seekers—Tibetan

monks and visionaries and British explorers alike. This is a marvelous quest that reminds us anew that the real journey has always been the one within." * **Chris Merrill** won Greece's most prestigious journalism award, the 2005 Kostas Kyriazis award. He is only the third American to do so. The honor recognizes Chris's forthcoming book, *Things of the Hidden God*, as well as his work in journalism. The book describes transformative pilgrimages he made to Mount Athos in the aftermath of the 1990's Balkan Wars. His experiences of those wars are chronicled in his acclaimed book, *Only the Nails Remain*. Chris's other books include four collections of poetry and three works of nonfiction. The director of the International Writing Program at the Univ. of Iowa, he is also the commentator on international literature for the syndicated radio program *The World* produced by the BBC and WGBH in Boston. * **Geoff Sather** and his wife, award-winning songwriter Diane Zeigler, recently produced their fourth CD, entitled *December in VT*. Geoff sings and plays multiple instruments on the CD. You can hear audio snapshots at www.DianeZeigler.com. * **Geoffrey Anderson** writes: "Well, it has been an interesting year. After working for Fifth Third Bank for five years, my division was sold to Bank of New York, who fortunately opened an office only two blocks from my old one. Love to hear from anyone at geoffreyanderson@bankofny.com." * We, too, appreciate any news you can share. Wishing you the best in '05. —Class Secretaries: *Maura Flynn* (maura_flynn@msn.com), 36 Poplar St., Douglaston, NY 11363; and *Beth Mooney Longcope* (longcopes@earthlink.net), 187 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.

80 **REUNION CLASS** Our 25th reunion will be here before you know it. See you in Middlebury June 2–5! You have all been getting regular mail about it, but did you know about our reunion Web site? Go to www.middlebury.edu/alumni/reunion/1980 and click on the net-rooms.com link to take a look. **Alison DeLaney Granger** and **Dave McCary** got together and designed our Web site, then a team of us built it interactively, thanks to the cutting-edge net-room capability donated by Dave. The Web site team (which also included **Sue Follett Panella**, **Judy Kula Walklet**, **Jim Ryan**, **Susie Rohardt Strater**, and **Anne Cowherd Kallaher**, plus Rick Greene '75 and Tim Etchells '74 from Middlebury) had a good time, chatting regularly on conference calls to work on the site. The site will change frequently between now and reunion, so visit it as often as you can. * Congratulations to Lisa and **Geoff Plume**, who welcomed adopted daughter Juliette Mei from China in December. She was born November 25, 2003, in Jiangxi Province. * Congratulations also to **David Heires** and Katherine Goncharoff, who got married on May 7, 2004, and later celebrated in NYC at the Yale Club. David has been editing equity research reports for Smith Barney for the past five years. Having lived in NYC since he graduated, he's looking to move with Katherine to the suburbs. * **Harry and Beth Stolley Drucker**, who live in Chicago, have three children (ages 18, 16, and 12). Son Will entered Middlebury as a February '05 freshman. Uncles Jim Stolley '78 and David Littlefield '79 and Aunt Karen Stolley '77 are excited to have the next generation at the College. At the local middle school, Beth recently planned and installed a large outdoor classroom, where, every day, 10 percent of the student body opts to spend time in lieu of recess. Beth

is there with them, helping them learn about nature and conservation. A coordinator of environmental awareness and bicycle safety programs at local schools, she has also created a line of nutrition education puppets to help preschoolers learn about food groups and healthy eating. The program was introduced in 36 Head Start classrooms in Chicago this year. Harry works in real estate, but his passion is conservation. He volunteers daily for the Nature Conservancy and serves on the state's Nature Preserves Commission. He's in almost daily contact with Bruce Boyd '79, executive director of the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Their work has taken them to many interesting projects, mainly in South America. Beth and Harry are in close touch with **Louise Burpee**, **Kathy Sharp Scruggs**, and **Mike Harris**. * **Dan Schulman** reports he has a wonderful family, which includes wife Jennie (a prof. at Barnard College), a daughter (10) and a son (9). Dan is CEO of Virgin Mobile USA, a wireless venture that he started about three years ago with Richard Branson (yes, the star of *The Rebel Billionaire*). It is now the eighth largest cellular carrier in the country. Before that, he rode the roller coaster of the Internet era as the CEO of Priceline.com for about three years. For 18 years before that, he worked at AT&T, ending up as president of the consumer division. He is on a couple of corporate boards, including Symantec, and has spent a good deal of activity in the past few years supporting Democratic causes and candidates. * Work by award-winning and widely published documentary photographer **Steven Brock** was featured at two Brattleboro venues last November. Photographs shown were taken in Peru, India, and Cuba. Steven and wife Leah Sirkin '82 live north of San Francisco. * **David Andrews** was recently promoted to full prof. at Gerogetown Univ. in D.C., where he has taught for 15 years. He's the chair of the Slavic languages department. * **Bill Higgins** has joined CIRCOR International, Inc., as executive VP and chief operating officer. Bill most recently served as VP and general manager, Americas, for the Honeywell building solutions business. * **Rob Ackerman** reports that he saw **Miguel Sanchez** recently: "He was in New York on business, but he lives in London with his beautiful wife, Marina, and (count 'em) four children. His son Rafa and our daughter Lizzy are good friends." * **Bart Partington**, who recently went to see a special photography exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, reports having a nice visit with **Karin Genis**, who lives in Brooklyn. * **Lauren Geiger Moye** is the executive director of Kingdom County Productions in Vermont, a company established by Vermont filmmakers Jay Craven and Bess O'Brien (daughter of Dennis O'Brien, former Midd dean). Working with Jay and Bess, Lauren was a producer for bringing the *Windy Acres* situation comedy series to public television. Another *Windy Acres* Middlebury connection is Ben Coello '01, who created the opening animation sequence. For more information on the hilarious series, go to www.kingdomcounty.com. —Class Secretaries: *Anne Cowherd Kallaher* (acowherd@qng-inc.com), P.O. Box 1751, Darien, CT 06820; and *Susanne Rohardt Strater* (srstrater@videotron.ca), 21 Gables Ct., Beaconsfield QC H9W 5H3 Canada.

81 **Steve Gabriel** is a member of the faculty at the Univ. of Md. in the civil and environmental engineering department, as well as the applied math and scientific computation program. He lives in Silver Spring

with wife Lisa and children Eric (11) and Caroline (8), and their new dog, Rags. ★ **Grayle Howlett** (grayle@tracksmusic.com) writes from NYC: "Tracks is a new music magazine targeting men 30-49 (women, too). I've been here since January and I'm having a great time, since I've always been a music freak." ★ **Molly Stevens** came out with a new cookbook last October. It's called *All About Braising: The Art of Uncomplicated Cooking* (W.W. Norton). Molly's other projects have included editing parts of *The All New Joy of Cooking*, coauthoring *One Potato, Two Potato*, and contributing to the Williams-Sonoma cookbook series. ★ **Terry Stanton** reports: "I recently started as managing editor of HedgeWorld, a Web site and publisher that either covers the universe of finely trimmed shrubbery or the arcane universe of hedge funds. Betting on the latter, I invite anyone in the hedge fund industry to be in touch (tstanton@hedge-world.com) or, of course I'd be happy to hear from anyone in the Chicago area, where I am stationed." —Class Secretaries: **Sue Dutcher Wagley** (suewagley@earthlink.net), 4060 Hanover Ave., Dallas, TX 75225; and **Anne Borchardt Exler** (aexler@alummi.middlebury.edu), 35 Jackson Hill Rd., Underhill, VT 05489.

82 **Charlie** and **Liz O'Connell '85 Robinson** have moved to Davidson, N.C., near Davidson College. Charlie is now VP of brand management for Rubbermaid Food Service Products. Liz is volunteering for the elementary school and caring for daughters Hannah (10), Clare (8), and Eliza (5). ★ **Lisa Kissinger Kaplan** is still in Oakland, Calif., after 20 years. She works part time, enjoys sons Alex (10) and Matthew (6), and volunteers a great deal for the boys' school and a community park. "I see fellow Midd grads **R.J. Hake**, **Greg Murphy**, and **Liney Rosen DeBois** and their families out and about in the greater Bay Area." ★ **Deborah Richman** has been appointed to the position of senior VP, consumer products, at LookSmart, an Internet search company. She has 20 years of experience, most recently as general manager and VP for Web Services. ★ **Jon Warner** reports: "Acquisitions should become a required course! Human Resource Administrators, Inc., became a Warner company in 2003 and has grown by 50 percent. It specializes in flexible spending accounts, health reimbursement arrangements, and health savings accounts. It is growing more quickly than Abby (10), Joey (8), and Madeline (5)." —Class Secretaries: **Wendy Behringer Nelson** (gomongo@att.net), 2071 St. Andrews Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312; and **Caleb Rick** (crick@northcommon.com), P.O. Box 189, Chelsea, VT 05038.

83 Secretary Kennedy reports: Congratulations to **Karen Heath**, who was named 2005 Vermont Teacher of the Year! A language arts teacher for 20 years, she designed and implemented Renaissance Readers, an accelerated language arts program for students in grades three through six. As spelling team coach, she led students to victories from 2001-2003. She also co-chaired the annual regional Language Arts Festival (2003-2004) and serves as coordinator for Odyssey of the Mind in her school. As Vermont Teacher of the Year, Karen will travel the state and country, visiting schools and working with teachers. She lives in Barre with husband **Christopher Howe** and their three children. ★ **Tom Van de Water** is still running cross-country with Canton High School students and teaching earth science and AP environmental science

(including to son Lee). Tom has plans "to work again on wilderness trails in Idaho this summer and walk for peace in '05-'06." ★ Since Midd, **Pascal Borno** has lived in Manhattan, then L.A., then Manhattan, and now L.A. again! He has three children, son Julien (16), and daughters Dominique (14) and Lili (7). Pascal loves his work in international distribution of films. He's in business with Jim Burke '84: Jim produces and Pascal sells his films. Pascal reports that **Chris Grivakes** (an attorney in L.A.) still beats him in tennis! ★ **Patrice McAree** recently joined Mobileway-InphoMatch as VP of application to person sales for the Americas. Before joining InphoMatch as a strategic adviser to the CEO, he served as senior VP for corporate development at News Corporation. ★ **Helen Hammond Baldwin** shares some news: "Last summer, Bob and I cruised the Maine Coast and Penobscot Bay region aboard our Boomerang, a 44-foot Alden sloop. Visited with friends en route and met up with others who joined us along the way. The rugged coast, picturesque harbors, and gunkholes made for great adventure! The sail to and from our home port of Nantucket, 60-70 miles offshore, was memorable for whale, seal, and porpoise watching—and dodging Hurricane Charley. It also provided moments of reflection, and the humbling understanding of our relative insignificance in the vast, powerful ocean." ★

Hugh Coyle has been managing a group of 43 editors as an executive editor with Macmillan/McGraw-Hill in NYC, though he and his partner Maynard are planning a move back to the mountains of Vermont, where they currently own a hillside farm. Hugh hopes to return to a more creative life of writing and leave managing and editing behind for a while. ★ After several years in pharmaceutical sales in Missoula, Mont., **Bob Miessau** accepted a promotion and was transferred to Flagstaff, Ariz.: "My wife (Deb) and I really love the desert Southwest. We recently summited Mount Humphreys, the highest peak in Arizona. We travel extensively in the Southwest and we spent Thanksgiving at an all-inclusive spa in scenic Tucson. If any of my Middlebury pals pass through the lonely outpost of Flagstaff, I hope they will look me up." ★ **Drew Schembre** writes that he and wife Catherine "miss Matt Ellenthal '84 and his family, who recently moved back to Connecticut, leaving one fewer Midd grad in Seattle. We still see a collection of Midd folk, including **Betsy Greer Edwards** and **Peter Conard**, around town." Drew and Catherine (Williams '82) welcomed daughter Lucy in February 2004: "The battle over where she will go to college in 18 years has begun." —Class Secretaries: **Ruth Kennedy** (kennedyr2@aetna.com), 195 Church St., Newton, MA 02458; and **Siobhan Leahy Ulrich** (sulrich@westminster-school.org), Westminster School, 995 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT 06070.

84 In addition to helping the Boscov's settle back into the Twin Cities, **Fran Mehen McCloskey** has been exceptionally busy. The proud mother of Anna and Logan has started her own successful financial consulting business, plus she has served on the boards of Special Olympics Minnesota and the Volunteer Missionary Movement. She's now on the board of the Cookie Cart (an organization that provides local urban youth with a safe environment to learn work, academic, and leadership skills through its cookie bakery business) and Common Hope (Familias de Esperanza), promoting hope and

opportunity to 2,000 families in Guatemala. ★ **Kim Wilson**, another very busy mom, juggles work as a pediatrician at Children's Hospital in Boston and work at the Martha Eliot Health Center in Jamaica Plain with parenting four children! In addition to all that, Kim is working to open a hospital/clinic in the Dominican Republic, near the Haitian border. ★ **Brian Aldershof** writes from Greenwich, Conn., that he has recently changed jobs, "which is something of an event for me as this is only my third job since leaving Middlebury." He labors as director of risk management at Sagamore Hill Capital, a hedge fund. Brian reports that he was recently engaged in innocent banter at the company water cooler when he learned that one of his colleague's parents graduated from Middlebury in 1979. This exchange, he reports, left him "shaken and unable to work." The fact that his daughter is filling out college applications makes him feel no younger. ★ **Cindy Morrison** sent Christmas greetings by e-mail from Sweden. She can be reached at cindy.bo@alfa.telenordia.se. ★ **Betsy Hoffman Hundahl** was planning to ski at Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire most weekends this winter with her husband and two boys. ★ Last fall, **James Burke** and **Pascal Borno '83** were at the Hamptons Film Festival, presenting a film that James produced and Pascal is selling. Attending the festival in support of their movie were Dave Collins '83 and **Josh Rabinowitz**. ★ Congratulations to **MaryAnne Herlihy Ulian** and husband Steve, who welcomed fifth child Aiden in November. Also to Ashley and **David "Wags" Wagstaff**, who added Susie to their crew in December. Wags reports that Fuenf was not pleased, but is adjusting. —Class Secretaries: **Andrew Zehner** (andrew.zehner@pfizer.com), 93 Livingston St., New Haven, CT 06511; and **Kimberly Schlegel Boscov** (ksboscov@comcast.net), 24 Wheeler St. South, St. Paul, MN 55105.

85 **REUNION CLASS** Good news from **Edith Furber Zhang**: "Jeffrey, Miles, and I traveled to China in August and adopted a 10-month-old baby, named Alden Morse Zhang. She is incredibly cute and adores her older brother, Miles (5)! She was born in DaYe, China. ★ **Susanne Rubel** is happy to announce the birth of son Sebastian on April 17, 2004. ★ On November 11, 2004, Michael and **Leslie McCormick Tate** welcomed Charles Woodbury Tate, who is keeping sister Marguerite (5) constantly entertained. ★ On December 6, 2003, **Patrick O'Donoghue** tied the knot with Darcie Eckert (Princeton '89) in a snow-blanketed NYC ceremony. While the 18 inches of fresh powder kept some away, O'D did have the usual Midd suspects in attendance, including **Bill Betz**, **Pete Lamson**, Mark Nardella '86, John Aicher '86, and Lansing Teal '86 (whose wife Jennifer was kind enough to let him travel from Seattle by himself, despite having her hands full with a one-year-old and a very-soon-to-be newborn). Rest assured, old age has not slowed this lot one bit. When the band hit the floor, the feet hit the floor, and before you knew it, Billy B hit the floor in an Old School break-dance routine that would've made Kool DJ Herc proud! ★ **Mary Rolph Lamontagne** spent a couple of fall weekends in NYC with children Charlotte (15) and Patrick (12), Frederic (10). They saw **Maura Riccobene Bulkeley** and **Margot O'Mara**. Mary has been in NYC and Montreal organizing events and doing photo shoots for her own company, Tastytables. ★ **Chris Lenhardt** and wife Jill live

just north of NYC with sons Conner (8) and Noah (4). Chris is an information scientist with the Earth Institute at Columbia Univ., where he's responsible for content and data management and intellectual privacy. ★ **Peter Maust** started a new job in September, teaching U.S. history at the Brooklyn campus of St. Joseph's College. He and wife Carolyn live in Patchogue with son Thomas (5). "The commute on the Long Island Rail Road isn't too bad. I'm still hoping for a visit from some 1985 classmates (at least one of whom lives in Concord, Mass.)." ★ **Hernando Trujillo** has joined the faculty of Wilkes Univ. (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), where he's an assistant prof. of chemistry. ★ Living happily in Keene, N.Y., with husband Bill and daughters Ellie and Grace, **Katherine VandeWater Brown** is teaching sixth grade in Lake Placid. ★ **Tom Loewald** has left Tyco Adhesives and now sets up shop with Thermo Electron Corporation in the Boston suburbs. Tom, Lynn, and the kids are still in North Easton, Mass. ★ Charlie '82 and **Liz O'Connell Robinson** have moved the family to Davidson, N.C., near Davidson College. Liz is back at work in retail at her favorite store, Williams-Sonoma. Charlie is VP of brand management for Rubbermaid. Hannah (10), Clare (8), and Eliza (5) are enjoying their new house and school, while playing too much soccer. ★ **Bill Baskin** had another busy year with Sarah and the boys, filled with sailing, dogs, and the usual dose of kid sports. Bill took the family to London and hooked up with **Jack Klinck**, Ruthie, and their clan. Jack was a great host and even introduced the wives to Prince Charles. ★ After three years in D.C., Janice and **R. Wesley Carrington** moved their family to Brasilia, Brazil, in 2002. Wes is working as press attaché and Janice is an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy. Dylan (11), Matthew (8), and Caitlin (5) are doing great. Wes writes: "We've extended our tours until 2006. Hope to make it back for the 20th reunion, but it's a long, long way." ★ **Adam Arkel** is thriving in D.C. After obtaining his Ph.D. in Chicago and then graduating from Duke Law School, he's an attorney with a law firm in our nation's capital. His work is focused primarily on financial compliance and securities enforcement issues. ★ **Barton Morris** has joined the board of trustees at North Cross School in Roanoke, Va. He's the executive director and general counsel for the Miller Center Foundation at the Univ. of Va. ★ After graduating from dental school many years ago, **Mark Conner** returned to his home town of Pittsfield, N.Y. (outside Rochester), where he operates a large practice. The Conners have three children. Mark reports that **Mark "Nitter" Nitzczynski** is still practicing law in the Denver area and hitting the ski slopes whenever he can. ★ By the time this issue hits your mailbox, we'll all be making final arrangements to join one another in the Green Mountains in June. Make sure that your travel plans include a trip to Middlebury. We'll see you then.

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86 In the heart of wine country, **Joshua Weil** (joshua.b.weil@kp.org) has settled in Santa Rosa, Calif., with wife Claire (who has a veterinary acupuncture practice) and kids Sydney (9), Caleb (7), and Sophie (3), who was adopted two years ago from South Korea. An ER doc at Kaiser Hospital, Josh writes: "I took on an administrative role as chief of the department four years ago, but still spend 60 percent of my time working clinical shifts." He has

taken working vacations as a ship's doctor for Lindblad Expeditions in Baja California. Josh keeps in touch with **Bill Mentzer** and **Rich Sobel**. ★ **Mark Wilcox** left the West Coast for Charlotte, N.C., where he works for Bank of America: "My wife, Cynthia, and I celebrated our 10th anniversary in Maui last September with our kids, Hayley and Nicholas. It was a lot of fun. I went scuba diving for the first time." He stays in touch with **Bill Hallock**, who's involved in international legal consulting and frequent travel to South and Central America, and **Glenn Gellert**, who is getting a first-hand look at our strange weather patterns in Alaska. "We've been seeing a lot of rain up here," Glenn writes. "It's really put a damper on our ski season." Glenn is busy with two daughters (ages 4 and 6) and building affordable housing. ★ **Jake Weber** is co-starring with Patricia Arquette in *Medium* on NBC. ★ **Cory Zanin** and partner Tom are living in Minneapolis, where Cory is working at Northwest Airlines doing Internet marketing and distribution: "We spent Labor Day weekend with Maria and **Allan Jones** at their house in Maine." ★ Fulfilling a decade-old promise, **Monica Carroll McCabe**, **Sarah Christl**, **Jenni Blake**, **Pam Grady MacMullen**, **Kate Wallace Perrotta**, **Sue Whitty-Zehner**, **Julie Morris Ogden**, **Wendy Fisher Beach**, and **Lisa Cheney Sullivan** celebrated the milestone of turning 40 together in Paris. "Between us, we left 17 children and 9 men at home and celebrated Thanksgiving with the now traditional Thanksgiving Day crepe. What could have been better than your best-ever friends, lots of wine and cheese, all in Paris for a week? It was so wonderful to know that time has stood still for nine great women, best of friends in 1986 and best of friends now. Champagne, chocolate, friends that always make me feel 18 again no matter how old I get. Can you imagine a better birthday? *Merci bien* to Andrew, Andrew, Paul, Steve, Willie, Chris, Bob, and Ned—and Irv and Ellie!" ★ The "Big 4-0" was also a great motivation for **Ginny Thomas Wylder** to see old Midd friends. Ginny keeps up regularly with **Phoebe Twichell Peterson**, who lives in Clifton, Va. And she and **Susan Gavlick Ballard**, **Margaret Gill Sobel**, **Melissa Marquardt**, **Laura Gworeck King**, and **Karen Belinski** '87 and **Jen Kemp Forelli** were all at Melissa's 40th party outside of Boston. Then again, Ginny writes that many also made it for her surprise 40th, thrown by husband Hans, in Chatham, Mass. In Bethesda, Md., Hans is in real estate and Ginny is home with kindergarten son Hans and nursery school daughter Isabelle. ★ **Juliet Lambert Pratt** and husband John "recently returned from an incredible two-week trip to China, where we met and brought home Melissa Zhi Long Pratt, a beautiful 11-month-old girl from the Jiangxi Province. Melissa joins Charlie (5.5), Margot (4), and Walker (2.5) in Maplewood, N.J., "a quick train ride from NYC where John works—and close to the theatre district, just in case!" ★ **Mike Smith** and wife Nora Demleitner have a new daughter, Venetia, who joined brother Cordell on April 2, 2004. Mike is an in-house attorney with Cornell Univ./Weill Medical College in NYC. ★ **Steve Reilly** is a partner at Sally & Fitch, LLP, a Boston law firm specializing in civil litigation: "I was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer in the November 2004 issue of *Boston Magazine*. (I think that the title sounds quite stupid, but the award allegedly goes to only 5 percent of the lawyers in the state.) Since 1993, I have been married to Lucy Wall (Cornell '87). Lucy is the

head of litigation in the general counsel's office at the Massachusetts Department of Education. We live in Lexington, Mass., with daughters Kate (8) and Annie (4). I greatly enjoy coaching the girls' little league soccer and T-ball teams." ★ **Nancie Ravenel** and husband Mark Favreau welcomed son Louis on December 9. "We live in East Middlebury, and Louis has already been given a Midd Panthers baseball cap." ★ From Houston, Texas, **Melanie Montague Trent** reports that her kids, Ellie (7) and Jack (4) are doing great. Melanie is enjoying the flexibility of part-time work as general counsel for a local steel company. ★ **Brad Robins** lives in NYC with wife Elizabeth and their four children. A partner at Greenhill & Co., an investment banking firm, he focuses on restructurings and mergers and acquisitions of distressed companies. He writes: "One of my son's classmates and friends is Travers Nisbet, the son of **Amanda Travers Nisbet**. Amanda is a mother of two with a successful and growing interior design business. She also resides in Manhattan with husband Chip." During a Christmas vacation in Jackson, Wyo., Brad "skied and generally caught up with **Greg Jones** who lives there. He's doing great. He loves Jackson and is a founder of Street Account, a company that provides market news and analysis to institutional investors. I was also able to find **Alex Walker**, who's a member of the Ski Patrol at the Jackson Hole resort. He too appears to be happy and doing well." ★ **Bessie Cromwell Speers** and her husband and two children are living in the Philadelphia area, where she's assistant head of school at Episcopal Academy: "I am loving my work in education and am always pleased to send as many seniors as I can off to Middlebury! My husband is the minister of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, where we have the son of a current member attending Midd as a freshman. We hosted the Middlebury admissions yield reception last year and it was great to serve Ben and Jerry's ice cream to such a terrific group of prospective Midd students! I still enjoy tennis, play on a few local leagues, just talked to Midd tennis teammate Paula Ricciardelli Sumberg '87, and still keep in close touch with Coach Gail Smith."

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87 Married November 21 in the Twin Cities, **Tal Birdsey** and **Dina Wolkoff** '88 are living in Ripton, Vt. Other than sharing news of the wedding, Tal describes his life thusly: "I spend the summer swimming in the pond, the fall splitting wood, the winter shoveling snow. The pond hockey has been stupendous so far this winter. At all times I am running a school in the Green Mountains." ★ **Maron** and **Don Hindman** are living in Chicago with kids Charlie (8), Hadley (6), and Duke (4). Don writes: "I'm still a recovering lawyer, having left the practice of law to join our family's foodservice distribution business 10 years back. I missed the recent D-8 reunion in New York, but heard from **John Aymar** that it was a blurry blast! Tough to see Midd folks out here in the hinterlands, but I stay in touch with the D-8ers on the phone. ★ And on that note, John Aymar confirms: "I attended the D8 mini-reunion in NYC, and had a lot of fun. Unfortunately, neither **Don Hindman**, **Clifton Romig**, nor **Nick Siewert** made it. Nick was RSVP'd to be there, but never showed. Some

things never change. We sang, we partied. Some things never change!" * **Michele White Miller** is the site manager for a chemical manufacturing operation in Connecticut, where she was recently named one of Connecticut's 20 most noteworthy women by the *New Haven Business Times*. * **Kevin Barry** is now a partner at Bingham McCutchen, working primarily in the Boston office. He acts as general counsel to publicly and privately held corporations at all stages of growth in a variety of industries. * **Michael Davis** has been promoted from VP of sales and marketing to president and CEO of UNICOM, based in Providence, R.I. * **Still** living in Geneva, Switzerland, Gwenaëlle and **Giles Rollet** and son Charles (11) and daughter Danae (8) were eagerly awaiting the winter ski season. During a recent trip to Dubai for work and holidays, they met up with Emilie Riggs-Laurent '88 and her husband and four kids. * At press time, film editor **Plummy Tucker** was in Berlin editing *Aeon Flux*, a film based on the late-night MTV animated short of the 1990s: "I'm having a great time in this city and working with the director, Karyn Kusama, again." * **Tom Funk** reports that artist **Jill Madden** showed her oil paintings along with the work of brother-in-law Woody Jackson ('70) at a packed reception at Jackson's Middlebury studio. Many other Midd grads were in evidence. * Another good place to find '87 graduates (and their families!) is the Snow Bowl, where recent sightings include **Funk, Madden, Chris Dayton**, and **Todd and Eleanor Ode Walter**.

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88 **Ed Seidel** is back in Maine as the new director of the Maine Department of Marine Resources Aquarium in West Boothbay Harbor. Ed brings a wealth of experience from his work at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. Plans are already underway to acquire a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to allow visitors to observe aquatic life this summer. High school students may soon be competing to construct their own ROVs, a process that can encourage careers in engineering. Ed is also interested in creating a community-based volunteer program at the aquarium. For information on the aquarium, visit www.state.me.us/dmr/. * **Pam Lawson Quinn** was named runner-up for Vermont's Teacher of the Year in 2004. Pam has been teaching sixth grade at Salisbury Community School for 13 years. * In the past few years, **Beth Zogby** has seen a bunch of classmates during her business and personal travels: "I had dinner with **Lenny Geiger** and **Todd Merry** in London in January 2003, and then went on to Paris and dined with **Bridie Jennings Dumont** and **Emilie Riggs-Laurent** while there. **JB Brainerd** has hosted me in the Bay Area more times than I can remember at this point. In spring 2003, he and I did a San Francisco pre-reunion happy hour to which **Dave Peak**, **Jed Smith**, **Chris Summersgill**, **Arianne Faber Kolb**, and **Jennifer Kitchin** showed up. On trips to NYC, I often visit with **Jennifer Doebl** and **Eric Ormsby** '89. **Claire Gwatkin Jones** is my gal in D.C., and, in Chicago, I always enjoy wonderful hospitality from **Susan Merrill Parker**. In July 2004, I had dinner with **Laura Ludwig** in Portland (along with a friend from my Cambridge days, who attended Midd's Italian School). Speaking of the

years I lived in Boston, I reconnected there with **Suzi Webber** and **Alison Potts**. My latest jaunt was a spur-of-the-moment winter weekend in Saginaw with **Katie** and **Fred Sunderman**. When I moved to Rochester in summer 2003, my landlord turned out to be a Midd 1985 grad, and I see **Lisa Lodder** and **Janice Kopp Hanson** here now and again. I'm a bit of a traveling fool, and none of it would be any fun without all my Panther connections. I bleed blue these days! Thanks everyone and hope to see more of you in 2005. Stop in if you're heading past Rochester on I-90. Namaste, Beth." * Pottery by **Julie Maurer Longstreth** was featured last fall at Art on Main in Bristol, Vt. Her recent work includes paintings, ceramic sculpture, and artistic tile inspired by 12 years of scientific field research. Once a practicing archaeologist, Julie now expresses her concern for animals and natural themes in the creation of her own "artifacts." * **Kathy Harrington** received a teacher recognition award last August from the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union. A teacher at the elementary/middle school in Manchester, Vt., for 10 years, she has taught Spanish and English as a second language and is now teaching Title 1 reading classes. She coordinates the summer reading program and the "Books to Go" program in conjunction with Vermont Reading Partners. A member of the foreign language task force, she initiated a "therapy dog for readers" program. * **Tildy La Farge** and **Mark Tippet** were married December 11 in Lithgow, N.Y. Tildy is the director of communications for the Open Space Institute, a conservation group based in NYC. Mark is getting his master's in teaching at Bard College. * **Vicki Wright Bronson** and husband **Tiger** announce the birth of daughter **Elena Ferne** on April 30, 2004. Vicki is still teaching and coaching at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol, Vt., and has really enjoyed adding motherhood to her already busy life!

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89 **Paul Morrison** was sorry to miss our reunion, but he sent a great update: "First, I moved from NYC to Denver in May 2003 to help a privately held firm called Republic Financial start a new private equity group. Then I got married on July 10, 2004, to **Robin Mickelson** in Keystone, Colo. We had a fun bash afterwards at a restaurant at the top of Keystone called **Alpenglow Stube**. Several '89 Midd Kids were present, including best man **Bruce Anfindsen**, plus **Jan Haas**, **Pete Jenkins**, and **Lori Landau Dyer** '93. **Gary Oakley** '85 was the photographer. Midd Kids planning ski trips to the Rockies are always invited to look me up." * The October 16 marriage of **Heather Mack** and **George Hurtt** took place at the historic Unitarian Universalist Church in Nantucket, Mass. Heather is an independent marketing consultant, while George is assistant prof. of natural resources at UNH. They are at home in Portsmouth, N.H. * **Marc** '91 and **Jill Herbster Bujold**, owners of **Kaleidoscope Yarns**, wanted to do something to help in the aftermath of the December tsunami. So they sent an e-mail to all of their customers and spread the word through several knitting-related Web sites that they were collecting 25 percent of their sales, both online and instore, on January 8. "The customer response was enormous. Saturday was our single biggest day in the shop," they report—

ed. By the time they added in their own contribution, they were able to contribute \$5,000 to the cause.

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90 REUNION CLASS

Chris and Holly Beatty Bernene are busy with **Allie** (5), **James** (4), and **Eliza** (1). The summer of 2004 brought a Battell South reunion for **Holly, Natalie Waters Wright** and **Deb Reed Hopkins** in St. Louis. **Steve Hopkins** '89 held down the fort with son **Nate** (4) while the girls played! Unfortunately **Kiersten Haskell Warendorf** couldn't join, as she was with her family in Tuscany. * **Todd Wetzel** has a busy life at Morgan Stanley and also at home with four kids (ages 9, 8, 6, and 4). They had a great family summer on the Cape at their home in Osterville. Now they're in the process of building a new home in Northboro, Mass. * **Tizz Strachan Miller** writes to announce the arrival of 2-year-old **Owen's** little brother, **Calvin Farrell Miller**, on September 8, 2004. To celebrate **Tizz's** favorite holiday, **Owen** dressed as a bat for Halloween 2004. * **Mary McKelvey**, husband **Chris Bercaw**, and children **William** and **Sophia** have returned to Minneapolis to roost, after several years of living abroad in Japan and Belgium. * **Bernard and India Hixon Radfar** and son **Aram** (7) recently moved to L.A. to be closer to **Bernard's** family and to learn Persian: "This is an incredible place to have landed after living in Woodstock, N.Y., for eight years. Is it Los Angeles or Teheran? L.A. has the largest Iranian community outside of Iran. My third book of poems, *Breaths*, came out in July 2004. I'm studying Persian so that I can help modern Iranian poets with translations of their work." * **Sue Menzel Andersen** reports that son **Lucas** started kindergarten and twins **Emilia** and **Megan** (4) are enjoying preschool. "We will move to Santa Rosa, Calif., in July in pursuit of **Nicolaj's** new job as an oncologist. At last I will be closer to **Barb** and **Blair** and their three kids!" * **Victoria Preston Crawford** still loves living in Telluride, Colo. Daughter **Parker Clare Crawford** arrived March 24, 2004, and has already been back for a visit to Middlebury last July. * **Pam Vail** is in her third year as visiting assistant prof. of dance at Franklin & Marshall College (Lancaster, Pa.). She continues to perform professionally, notably with the Architects, a performance improvisation ensemble with **Midd's Katherine Ferrier** '91, **Lisa Gonzales** '94, and **Jennifer Kayle** '91. * **David Parrot** is still in San Francisco after 12 years, but is now living in the suburbs with his wife of two years, **Arbella**, and son **Andrew** (1). * Living in Providence, R.I., **Margie Butler** is back at school for her MFA. "I'm also running a nonprofit in New Bedford, Mass., that is working on the city's revival through arts and culture." * A year ago, **Will** and **Katy Murphy Tyachsen** moved to Fort Collins, Colo., with **Will** (6), **Caroline** (4.5), and **Charlie** (2). "We love it out here, but miss family and the beach a lot!" * While living near the water in St. Michaels, **Kirsten Keppel** is enjoying life as a French teacher at **Saints Peter and Paul High School** in Easton, Md. "See old friends in D.C. regularly, including **Clare Hayden**. Had a life-altering summer experience, working with **Garett 'Ludo'** Heysel '88 at the French language camp he's directed for 11 years at **Concordia Language Villages** in Minnesota. Merci, Ludo!" * Living in

Williamstown, Mass., with wife Susan and daughter Sarah. **Jim Briggs** has joined the firm of Grinnell, Dubendorf & Smith as an associate. He also serves on the board of Pine Cobble School. **Lara and Marc Adelberger** are excited to announce the birth of daughter Paige on November 10, 2004, in Honolulu, Hawaii, where the Adelbergers have been living for the past year and a half. **Toder's** NYC-based, co-ed, Ultimate Frisbee team, Puppet Regime, played in Nationals competition in Sarasota, Fla., in October 2004, and came in the 10th-best team in the U.S. and Canada! Additionally, Elizabeth's international development agency is working assiduously to collect and disburse relief aid to grassroots community-based organizations and their populations affected by the Asian tsunami, possibly (hopefully) resulting in a work trip to Indonesia for Elizabeth in 2005. **In August 2004, Kaddi Dobyns** marked 4 years as owner and sole veterinarian at the Middle River Vet Hospital in Verona, Va. Kaddi's practice treats mostly dogs and cats, occasionally a ferret, rabbit, guinea pig, or hamster. Last winter she and her dog, Ripton, tried skijoring (x-country skiing tethered to a sled dog). Kaddi plays violin with the local community orchestra and is a member of the Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club. She's looking forward to a trip back to Vermont for reunion in June—as are we all. Fifteen years is a long time to be away from Midd, so start talking to your friends about the return to Middlebury for a lovely summer weekend, June 3–5, 2005. —Class Secretaries: **Katie Edwards** (katie.edwards@comcast.net), 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and **Elizabeth Toder** (etoder@hotmail.com), 107 Smith St., #3F, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

91 Gretchen and **Corey Davis** “continue to stick it out living on the Upper East Side in NYC, though the obligatory move to the Connecticut suburbs may be looming in the future. We are a little (actually very) late on some of our news. We got married July 21, 2001, in Mead Chapel in Middlebury and held the reception at the Blueberry Hill Inn. On December 30, 2003 (snuck it in time for the tax break), we had our first child, daughter Addison Grace Davis. Though the names have changed through mergers, Corey has been working for eight years at JP Morgan Chase as a specialty pharmaceutical equity analyst—in the same general division as **Dave Frame**.” **Allison Ross Hanna** recently finished up work on the six-part documentary series *Broadway: The American Musical* that aired on PBS during the fall. **In Minneapolis, David and Tara Hussey Nahey** were married in December 2003. Tara has received both her doctor of veterinary medicine and her Ph.D. in cell biology from the Univ. of Minn. She's now employed as a senior scientist doing stem cell research on heart disease at Medtronic in Minneapolis. —Class Secretaries: **Bill Driscoll** (william.driscoll@rhi.com), 743 Wildwood Rd., Atlanta, GA 30324; and **Kate J. Kelley** (katejkk@comcast.net), 805 E. 7th Ave., #7, Denver, CO 80218.

92 **Elizabeth Brewer Redwine** writes that she and husband Jonathan moved from a tiny Brooklyn apartment to a house in West Orange, N.J., last summer with son Nathaniel (1) and dog Pearl. Now finished with her Ph.D. in English literature from Emory, Elizabeth is teaching part time in the English department at Seton Hall Univ.,

while Jon is a lawyer in NYC. **Banc Jones** is living in Geneva with wife Tina and daughter Lucy. Last winter, Banc reportedly went skiing with **Dan Thomsen**, who is teaching in Spain. **Shawn '93 and Susan Gurney Guerrette** are living in Wells, Maine. At Cape Elizabeth High School, Susan teaches biology, while Shawn is a physics teacher. **Melissa Ryan** is an assistant prof. of English at Alfred Univ. A candidate for a Ph.D. in English from the Univ. of Ariz., she has published several articles. **John and Kate Maloney Malorney** (married in 2001) are living in Ohio, where Kate is at home raising Sarah (3) and Abbey (1.5). **In October 2004, Jordana Shaw** married partner Lisa Francine in a small ceremony with immediate family, including two stepchildren. **Kathy and Brian Willing** are excited to announce the arrival of Virginia Littlefield Willing on November 6, 2004. Brian, Kathy, and Ginny live in Falmouth, Maine. **Sarah Raunecker** and Robert Alberts have a new addition to their family. Son Maxwell arrived on November 22, 2004. Daughter Lydia is four. **Steve** (steve@hswlegal.com) and **Lisa Swindlehurst Woodruff** welcomed daughter Emma Madeleine Woodruff on November 24, 2003. The Woodruffs and their springer spaniel, Tiko, live in Livingston, Mont., where Steve is an attorney and Lisa is a stay-at-home mom. —Class Secretaries: **Fred Lawrence** (flawrence@ipaa.org), 3831 Rodman St. NW, D-28, Washington, DC 20016; and **Sara Weale** (sweale@mindspring.com), 200 W. 86th St., #5D, New York, NY 10024.

93 “After eight years,” writes **Roshun Austin**, “I have left my work as the executive director of the Orange Mound Development Corporation (a neighborhood-based community development corporation). Crossing over into corporate America, I am now the new city manager of the Homeownership Preservation Enterprise in Memphis for Homecomings Financial, the master servicer for GMAC-Residential Funding Corporation. Personally, I spend time chillin’ with my very precocious daughter, Lailah (3).” On February 1, Roshun was honored by the Memphis City Council for her service to the community. **Steve Prescott** (stephernprescott@yahoo.com) writes: “Last summer, Joy and I moved to the Two Echo cohousing community in Brunswick, Maine. I spent the fall building a woodworking workshop for my custom cabinetry and furniture business. We hired a Vermont timberframer to build our post-and-beam home, and I am spending the winter finishing it inside and out. In my spare (?) time I’m learning to play the Scottish fiddle.” **Constellation Energy Group Inc.** has appointed **Jonathan Thayer** managing director, corporate strategy and development. Before joining the Baltimore-based electricity and energy supplier, he held financial positions at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. **David Salisbury** reports that he married Leigh Gorman in May 2004. They honeymooned in the Peruvian Amazon, where David finished his doctoral dissertation fieldwork with a Fulbright-Hays grant. **Great news from Ben and Kelly Rivers Small:** Heidi Shannon Small was born on Christmas morning—yes, the same birthday as her big brother, Austin (2). Weighing in at 3 lbs., 14 oz., she stayed in the newborn unit for just eight days before going home, where everyone is doing very well. **Craig and Aimee Young Hopkins** welcomed Margaret Lee Hopkins (Maggie) on December 12, 2004. They live in Los Angeles,

where Craig is a special ed teacher and Aimee runs her own small business, Aimee Art Productions: Building Self-Esteem and Literacy Through the Arts, sending performing artists into L.A. schools to teach workshops in theatre, dance, and music. She recently cavorted with **Nina Silver** and **Dave Anderson** and they reminisced about Midd adventures. Nina Silver is one of the artists currently teaching theatre in three schools through Aimee's program. Aimee (yoyoaimiee@hotmail.com) says hello to Midd classmates and welcomes visitors. —Class Secretaries: **Maria Diaz** (maria.diaz@com.com), 244 8th Ave., Paterson, NJ 07514; and **Dan Suratt** (daniel.suratt@nbc.com), 60 Pineapple St., #71, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

94 **Kimberly Healey Breier** recently started a new job as the director for Brazil and Southern Cone at the National Security Council. Kim and husband Pete, who were married in September 2003, live in Alexandria, Va. **Gracyn Robinson Whitman**, who has two daughters (4 mos. and 2.5), is an interior designer in Massachusetts. Her design work was featured in the *Better Homes and Gardens* November/December Kitchens and Bath publication (page 14–18), entitled “Share the Joy.” Gracyn is also one of the participating interior designers for the 25th anniversary *This Old House*, taking place in Carlisle, Mass., and running currently on the television renovation series. **Jeremy Hertzog** got his MD from UVM and is doing his internship and residency in pediatrics at UVM. **Anesthesiologist Chris Delorie** is living in Stratham, N.H., with his wife and daughter. **Chengruo Li** (Now known as **Liz**) and husband Gary Chu are living in Arcadia, Calif., with sons Justin and Dillon. **Seth '92 and Shana Mitchell Hopkins** and daughter Sofia (4) had a great mini-reunion at Café Mozart in NYC with Lynn and George Doupsas '93 and son Nicholas, and **Joshua Scherer**, with wife Rowena Gan and son Justin. Seth and Shana welcome visitors (shana.seth@comcast.net) in central Massachusetts, where Shana is teaching at the local middle school and Seth enjoys working for Sepracor, Inc., a pharmaceutical company in Marlborough. **On October 14, 2004, Debbie and Scott Godes** (sgodes@gmail.com) welcomed Fiona Danielle into the world. Last summer and fall, before Fiona was born, Scott had the pleasure of catching up with **Teaque Lenahan** several times during business trips to Chicago. —Class Secretaries: **M. Helene Robertson** (mhrobertson.94@alumni.middlebury.edu), 84 Pukihae St., #1403, Hilo, HI 96720; and **Gene Swift** (geneswift.94@alumni.middlebury.edu), 24463 Montevista Cir., Valencia, CA 91354.

95 **REUNION CLASS** **Kyle Winder** (kyledriver2@msn.com) would love to hear from old friends. A captain in the Air Force, Kyle and his wife recently relocated from Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska, to Pope AFB in Fayetteville, N.C., where “he has been flying lots of airdrop missions with the Army's 82nd Airborne.” In January he was “deploying to Qatar in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. I will be there for at least four months, planning and flying C-130 tactical airlift missions. Wish all the best to the class of 1995!” And we wish you all the best, Kyle! **Matt Somers** writes: “I’ve been a partner at Teton Heritage Builders in Jackson, Wyo., for the past six years. I married Heidi Wydler

Save the Dates

APRIL 28

Vermont Chapter lecture with Professor of History John M. McCardell Jr.

APRIL 28

Providence lecture with Assistant Professor of English Daniel Brayton

MAY 1

Boston Chapter event at the Big Apple Circus

MAY 13-14

Winn Cobb '55 Alumni Cape Cod Golf Outing and Alumni Reception

JUNE 3-5

Reunion

JUNE 30

The Annual Fund's Fiscal Year Ends—Every Gift Counts

AUGUST 8

Boston Chapter baseball game event Red Sox vs. Rangers

AUGUST 14-20

Alumni College trip to Red Lodge, Montana, with Associate Professor of Geology David P. West Jr.

A complete listing of events is available on the Web at www.middlebury.edu/alumni/events/

(Cal Poly '96) in August 2002 here in Jackson. For Thanksgiving, Heidi and I traveled to San Francisco, where we saw **Banker White** and Chris Velan '96. They've been working on a documentary film with some other Midd grads, including **Zach Niles** and Jim Bruce '96. The film is about a group of Sierra Leonean musicians and their struggles in West African refugee camps. Check out their Web site at www.refugeestars.org. I've recently heard from **John-Mike** and **Danielle Johnson Taylor**, who are living in Vermont with their two children. I've also received empty threats from **Dan Richards** that he will flee NYC for a weekend of skiing in Jackson. We've got guest rooms, so if you're looking for some time in the mountains, e-mail me (msomers@tetonheritagebuilders.com)."

* **Ashley Lindell** had a lot of news to report: "I finally finished all of my medical training: medical school (Univ. of Mich.) 2001 and residency (Swedish Family Medicine) 2004. One week after residency graduation, I was married to Matthew Smith. Our ceremony and reception were at Lake Quinault lodge in the Washington rain forest—beautiful setting, right outside Olympic National Park. We are living in Seattle." * **Jennifer Breslow** and Andrew Moss were married May 31, 2004, at Caneel Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. They're living in Cambridge, Mass. A graduate of Boston College Law School, Jennifer is an attorney in the business practice group of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP, in Boston. Andrew, a graduate of NYU School of Law, is associated with hedge fund management firm Flagg Street Capital LLC. * **Bethany Saulpaugh** and Joseph Fitzgerald were married in Vermont on July 17, 2004. Bethany is a dentist in northern Vermont, while Joe works at a

Burlington hospital. Bridesmaid news: **Emily Aikenhead Hannon** is doing a pediatric residency in Utah; **Sofia Andersson** is in law school in Minnesota; **Harlan** and **Sarah Carlat Kennedy** recently moved back to San Francisco with son Wyatt; and **Lisa Polizzi Molloy** has welcomed first child Connor Molloy. * On October 25, 2004, John Decker Rogers joined parents Ted and **Anna Hart Rogers** and brother George (19 mos.). * **Brad Martin** and wife Laura welcomed first child Virginia Bradford Martin on November 30, 2004. The Martins live in eastern Connecticut, where Brad is finishing his M.A. in counseling psychology. * On November 5, 2004, **Tim** and **Caroline Fennessy Campion** celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Belle. Belle spent the weekend with her parents on Shelter Island, where they visited **Trevor Thaxter** and Alison Ferarri and their son, Liam (1). * In December 2004, **Brad Smith** and his family bought the Kannapolis Intimidators, the Class A minor league affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. As the new team president, Brad's comment was: "The coolest thing about owning a team is just coming to the ballpark every day." * In Burlington, Vt., **Jeff Fellingner** is working on historic buildings and doing lots of skiing, sailing, and singing. * **Michael Ricciardelli** and wife Jennifer have two sons, Jeffery (3) and Thomas (1.5). * **James Wilson** has been teaching French and Spanish at MATC-Madison, Wis., for the last three years. **Laura Madsen** and Jade Star Lackey '97 also live in the Madison area. * **Shannon Finch** is a doctoral candidate in linguistics, a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow at the Univ. of Texas at Austin, and an accomplished cook. She was back at Midd recently to teach a course (Sociology/Anthropology 1002) called Eat Your Words: Food, Culture, & Communication. Her course examined the intersection of food, culture, and communication in a variety of contexts. At the end of the course, film director Chris Elley came to campus for a screening and discussion of his award-winning documentary film *Barbecue: A Texas Love Story*. Students sampled a full Texas barbecue dinner following the film. * Great news from **Greg Friberg**: "I'll finally be finishing my training this summer—and, come July, I'll be joining the faculty of the Univ. of Chicago in the department of hematology/oncology. I'll be working to develop molecular-targeted therapies for cancers of the ovary, pancreas, and colon. I guess this means we'll be in Chicago for the near future!" * Meanwhile, make sure to be in Middlebury, June 3-5, 2005!

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96 **Becky DiScipio Leach** is living in the heart of New Orleans with husband Ray and children Zoe and Liam. The kids are happy and healthy and enjoying a new school. * **Shamoil Shipchandler** and wife Jacqueline have relocated to the Dallas area, where Shamoil has accepted a position as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. * **V.W. Fowlkes** is in his third year of a master's in architecture at Harvard. * **Joel** and **Sacha Quijano Grippando** have been in the process of moving back to San Francisco, following Joel's graduation from the Univ. of Chicago's business school. He has accepted a new job covering the San Francisco peninsula on the FX desk for Wells Fargo. * Since graduating from business school, **Courtney Marsh**

has made a career switch into marketing. She's now the product manager for Rand McNally's education division. * **Jenny Fisher** spent last summer on the East Coast at a teacher leadership program in Princeton, N.J. Afterwards, she enjoyed catching up with friends from Midd that she does not see nearly enough. Despite the fun, she was happy to return to her home in Colorado where she teaches at the Kent Denver School. * **Ian Wolfe** writes that he is psyched to live in Colorado, where he's enjoying Denver's strong real estate market. He recently had a nice visit from **Josh Sobeck**, including skiing in Vail. * **Sarah Lyons** and Andy Fischer were married on the beach in Carmel, Calif., on May 1, 2004. Andy is a Ph.D. candidate at Cornell Univ., and a research tech at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. Sarah is working with the National Marine Protected Areas Center. They are making Pacific Grove, Calif., their home. * **Bill Gowski** married M. Virginia Geier (UVA '97) in June 2004. They met in D.C. and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Bill is in his medical residency and his wife is the director of marketing for the Sundance Institute. * **Owen Brainard** writes that he and wife Sally have been busy with son Jay (4 mos.) and enjoying life in sunny Austin, Texas. **Walter Delph**, **Jeff Wesson** and **Mike Stokes** recently visited their ranch in West Texas. **Anthony Cival** and **Justin Bennett** were supposed to make the trip as well, but business kept them away. * **Effi** and **Claudia Schnipper Hochberg** welcomed their first child, daughter Olivia, in September. Living in Newton, Mass., Claudia and Effi are trying to juggle two careers as doctors and their new family member. * **Scott** and Sarah Archabal '95 **Holmes** welcomed daughter Skylar Avery Holmes on November 17, 2004. Sarah works at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., while Scott is with Dynogen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The Holmes family lives in Natick, Mass. * **Melissa Knoll** and Ted Dezvane are proud to announce the birth of son Alex Knoll Dezvane on December 5, 2004. * **Matt** and Martha Shay '98 **Trail** welcomed their second child, Shay G. Trail this December. Will Trail is excited to be a big brother. Living in Vermont, Matt commutes over to Dartmouth to attend business school at Tuck. * **Steve Boyd** writes that his daughter, Abbey Boyd, has her first tooth and wants to do nothing more than to walk. * **Rebecca Kirk** writes from Boston that she is still enjoying life at Analysis Group, and is happy about all of the new Middlebury students that have joined the firm. She recently bought a place in the South End, where she enjoys running into people like **Kevin Creeden**, **Andrew Kvaal**, and **Chad Stern**. Rebecca planned to visit with **Weezie Edsell Henderson** for her birthday. She also had some great news to share about other friends from our class. * **Scott Pokrywa** recently landed a job as the VP of Eastern sales for a new energy research firm, PowerLytx. He also recently moved to the South End in Boston. * **Moni Johnson** is in the Peace Corp down in Jocotán. He recently learned to surf on the beaches of El Salvador and is really enjoying his time away from lawyers (not a complete escape since he is one!). * **Neil Matthews** still owns Neil and Otto's Pizza (the former Pizza Cellar). He hangs out in Vermont, but he is traveling the country, playing the drums for The Grift, a band with other Midd-Kids, including Clint Bierman '97. Check them out at www.thegrift.com. * Please continue to send us your news—we love hearing from you!

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97 Out in Seattle, **Caroline Griffith** has started her own photography and flower design business, hoping to put her Middlebury art studies to good use. ★ **Matt Ralston** recently changed jobs. He's now working as the in-house defense counsel at Safeco Insurance in Denver. He and wife Julie also recently relocated from Golden, Colo., back to Denver. Their neighbors in Golden, Jenn and **Dave Smith**, also recently relocated back to Denver! Over the holidays, **Brian Hubbard** and **Rob Birdsong** skied with Matt and Dave in Winter Park, where more than five feet of fresh snow led to outstanding snow conditions. ★ The Grift's new CD, *Life Beyond Aluminum*, is available at thegrift.com. That would be **Jeff Vallone**, Neil Matthews '96, Peter Day '01 and **Clint Bierman**. It was produced by studio legend Gary Mallaber and engineered by Greg Tobler. ★ **Tracy Nolan** sent some good news last fall: "Heidi Hopkins Albritton just won a county commissioner seat in Ouray County, Colorado!" Congratulations, Heidi. We are all very proud of you. ★ Now in her second year of teaching in Middlebury's English department, **Stacie Cassarino** taught a writing seminar this J-term and is teaching Reading Women's Writing for the spring semester. ★ After seven great years in Boston, **Nick** and **Becky Cowgill Wilkoff** have moved to Nick's hometown of Brunswick, Maine. They're having fun getting settled in their new community. Nick is working in market research at L.L.Bean. Becky is volunteering at Bowdoin College and hoping to find a job there. ★ Living in L.A., **Jessica Weinstock** is in her second year of the MBA program at USC's Marshall School of Business. ★ **Darren Bloch** reports that he finally graduated from law school! He had been going at night for the past four years. He passed the bar last summer, but was still working as manager of government relations for Con Edison, "until I figure out the next big move." ★ The marriage of **Katherine Callaghan** and Patrick Coyle took place on September 5, 2004, in Bristol, R.I. Living in Belmont, Mass., Kate works at Harvard, while her husband is employed at Molecular Inc., in Watertown, Mass. ★ Newlyweds **Jordan** and **Whitney Parks Berns**, who were married on September 18, are living in South Boston, where Whit is a media buyer for Lycos and Jordan is a senior associate for Trammell Crow Company. ★ **Christi Sizemore** was married to Glen Behrend on January 15, 2005, at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga. In attendance at the wedding was Scott Carroll '96 and Daphne Nesbitt Gorle (Chinese School '96). The couple now reside in Atlanta. Christi is the director of education and outreach at Life Enrichment Services, an organization that provides programs and services to senior citizens in the Atlanta area. Glen is an environmental engineer at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. ★ **Sebastien** and **Melissa Stewart '99 Bilodeau** welcomed daughter Brooke in August 2004. The Bilodeau family lives in Darien, Conn. Sebastien cannot wait to get a hockey stick in his little girl's hands. ★ **Arleen** and **Tim Sherwood** have two sons now: Sam (2.5) and Benjamin, who arrived on November 16, 2004. ★ **Omri** and **Katie Rosin Green** announce the arrival of Tyler Jaden Green, born December 10, 2004, in NYC. TJ is happy and healthy, living at the Green's new

Newsmakers

Already a member of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame, **JOHN BOWER '63** was recently inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. The first American to win the prestigious Holmenkollen nordic combined championship in 1968, he also coached at Middlebury (1968-1975) and for the U.S. Ski Team.

SAM SWOPE '75 was a *My Turn* columnist in the December 20 issue of *Newsweek*: "A Lesser Form of Immortality? It'll Do." Recalling his most memorable teachers, Swope wonders whether he will one day discover that he has had a life-altering effect on any of his students.

ELISABETH ROBERT '78, CEO of Vermont Teddy Bear Company, was tapped by *Fast Company* Magazine as one of four leaders "You Need to Know."

ANNE ROWELL NOBLE '78 recently became general counsel for Middle East Television Network, Inc., a new commercial-free Arabic language satellite television network funded by the U.S. government. Headquartered in Springfield, Virginia, the network began broadcasting objective news and information under the name Alhurra (Arabic for "The Free One") in February 2004.

PAM TANNER BOLL '78 was one of the producers of Academy Award-winning documentary *Born Into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids*.

KAREN HEATH '83 is 2005's Vermont Teacher of the Year. A language arts teacher in Barre, she has created an accelerated language arts program, coordinated Odyssey of the Mind, coached the spelling team, and chaired a language arts festival.

Orion Magazine got the top honor, General Excellence for 2004, in the Utne Reader Independent Press Awards. **JENNIFER SAHN '92** is *Orion*'s editor; **JENNIFER MARLOW '02** is editorial intern.

In NBC's *Medical Investigation*, **ANNA BELKNAP '94** portrays Eva Rossi, the press liaison for a team of highly skilled doctors and scientists from the National Institutes of Health. She portrayed Lily in the 2003 drama series *The Handler*, and has been featured in numerous guest spots on series, including NBC's *Law & Order*.

Featured in the November 15 issue of the Fitchburg, Mass., *Sentinel & Enterprise*, **SAYRA PINTO '95** recently became the executive director of the Twin Cities Latino Coalition, an organization committed to promoting academic excellence for Latino kids and parental leadership in Fitchburg and Leominster.

home in Brooklyn, N.Y. ★ **Rudi Karastoyanova** and Carlos Dubois are the proud parents of their first child, son Charles Dillon, on January 25, 2005. Borianana Karastoyanova '01 is delighted to be an aunt. ★ The 17th annual Nantucket Rock Run had a strong Middlebury showing last summer. Taking place the first weekend of August every year, the 50-mile beach run around the island is done in five-person teams. Last August, two of the 13 teams to finish the race were all-Middlebury! And a third all-Midd team is being recruited for this coming August! The Thirsty Turtles were all Midd '97 and placed third in their first time competing. Team Ducksholm is a family team that ran the race for the third consecutive year and finished sixth. Runners in 2004 included **Keith Liljegren**, **Chris Eaton '99**, **Miles Cameron '00**, **Eliza Cameron '05**, **Nick Whitman**, **John McCall**, **Kirtley Horton Cameron '95**, **Seth Cameron '95**, **Franklin Foster**, and **Amy Diadamo Foster**. Write kirtley.cameron@ducksholm.com for more information.

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98 **Kate Howard Wagner** is in her fourth year of medical school at UVM, although she's taking a year off, due to the December 1 arrival of son William Howard Wagner. Kate and husband Phil are calling him Liam. ★ **Heather Corkadel Skinner** gave birth to Brodie McKellen Skinner on July 23, 2004. She was soon back to work at the hospital and coaching skiing in Steamboat, Colo. ★ **Dorian Merina** (sanae@dorianmerina.com) would love to hear from classmates. She's living in L.A., working for a poet and teacher. ★ **Kelly Bare** is a writer and editor in NYC. She wrote a delightful newspaper piece, called "Getting in the Christmas spirit by being a kid again," for the Lincoln (Neb.) *Journal Star*. She can be reached at kellybare76@yahoo.com. ★ **Randi Borgen** (rhborgen@yahoo.com) is living in Vail, where she has been coaching alpine skiing at Ski and Snowboard Club Vail. "I am in the process of remodeling my home and once done invite all to come play. I will be heading off to

Kitzbuhel, Austria, to watch my Swedish boyfriend race in the prestigious Hahnenkamm Downhill in January." * On August 14, **Bethany Green** and **Keith Monda** were married on Miramar Beach in Montecito, Calif. Bethany got her MBA from the Stern School of Business at NYU in May 2004. Lydia is a visual artist. They're living in Brooklyn.

* The marriage of **Lydia McNeary** and **David Keyes** took place on November 13, 2004, in Charlotte, N.C. Now living in Royal Oak, Mich., Lydia is a medical resident at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, while David is a resident at Detroit Medical Center.

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99 Michael '02 and **Carina Curnow Tremblay** are medical school students at the Oregon Health and Science Univ. School of Medicine. In January, Carina was granted a leave of absence to go to Sri Lanka to assist with the tsunami reconstruction efforts for approximately three months. Having worked as a paramedic prior to medical school, she was joining a group of firefighters and paramedics from around the Northwest: "Our members on the ground have been working with the Sri Lankan Red Cross and the Ministry of Health and have identified a smaller village called Komari in the Ampara District on the east coast of Sri Lanka that was devastated by the waves and has not yet received aid from the larger relief efforts. We are going to first focus our efforts on this community which lost almost half of its population in the tsunami with the remaining citizens currently residing in a refugee camp. The school and the hospital buildings are among the few still standing but have been badly damaged. We will be restoring, restocking, and helping with staffing for these two establishments." She planned to post periodic updates on a weblog at <http://carinainsrilanka.blogspot.com>.

* In Ketchum, Idaho, **Angenie McCleary** loves her job as the director of YAK, the Youth Adult Konnection, an organization providing programs and services for middle and high school students. She's also still running 70 miles a week, more when training for a marathon. * Still "livin' large in Seattle," **Shauna Hill** had a recent reunion weekend in Boston with **Kate Ryan**, **Stefan Nedialkov**, and **Junaid Ziauddin**. While contemplating a return to school, Shauna is working at the YMCA as a therapist in the foster care program. In March, she was leading a group of adult volunteers on a two-week workcamp to rural Thailand, where they were building a school for a village. For more information, get in contact with Shauna at shill@smh.seattleymca.org. * **Eric Gartman** received his doctor of medicine degree from the Univ. of Rochester School of Medicine. In June, he began a residency in internal medicine at Brown Univ., Providence, R.I. * **Alex Cranmer**, who has a recurring role on *Guiding Light*, was appearing on February 15 in a principal guest-star role as Dr. Derek Tanner on *Law and Order S.V.U.* on NBC. * **Emily Reinertsen** is still living on Capitol Hill in D.C., but she has switched jobs: "I'm now working in the Republican Cloakroom as the assistant chief of the House Floor." * East Middlebury's Waybury Inn was the site of the August 8 wedding of **Suzanne Pariser** and **Noah Rabinowitz**. Suzanne is pursuing a law degree at Denver Univ. * **Amy Olson** and **Mark Belanger**

got married on Amelia Island, Fla., on April 24, 2004. During their Caribbean honeymoon, they "found out that Mark had been accepted to Babson for an MBA program, so upon our return home we moved from Sun Valley, Idaho, to Natick, Mass., where I am now working in the marketing department at Comcast Spotlight." * Since their marriage on July 10, 2004, **John** and **Ann Russell '01 Felton** are living in Seattle, where John works for Amazon.com and Ann teaches first grade. * **Molly Stapleton** and **Peter Sax** were married on August 15, 2004, at Rex Hill Vineyards in Oregon. Molly is a museum educator and Peter is a law student at Cornell. They're living in Ithaca, N.Y. * **Sebastien '97** and **Melissa Stewart Bilodeau** welcomed daughter Brooke in August 2004. The Bilodeau family lives in Darien, Conn., where they have received visits from Brooke's many Middlebury "aunts," including **Kate Stirrat**, **Erin McManus O'Donovan**, **Amy Ferenz**, **Tamsin Drummond-Hay Trail**, and **Andy Atkinson**.

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00 REUNION CLASS

Simon Adams reports that he is "living in Maine after a brief, but frightening three months in New Jersey. Enjoying life with excellent girlfriend and our little cat!" He's doing carpentry and free-lance illustration. * **Dancer** and choreographer **Paul Matteson**, a Maine native, was back in his home territory last fall for a residency at the Center for Dance Development. He lives in Brooklyn with dancer **Jenn Nugent**. * **Andrew Gault** is working as a kayaking guide on Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park during the summer. In the winter he's a telemark ski instructor at Jackson Hole Mountain. He writes: "While they might not be considered 'real' jobs by many, I can assure you that this is the real life." * **Angy Herrera** writes: "After spending three years working for large corporations, I decided it was time to stop working for someone else and be my own boss. I've always been into fashion so late last year I started Noemie New York, a high end women's fashion collection headquartered here in NYC and with PR in L.A. It's been a whirlwind learning experience but it was by far the best decision I've ever made. Check out our Web site: www.noemienewyork.com." * Leaving NYC this summer, **John** and **Kate Harrington Dick** are moving north to Boston. John enters Harvard Business School in the fall, while Kate pursues her career in education. * **Ashley Fitzgerald** and **Willis Logan** were married on June 12, 2004, at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. Ashley is in medical school at the Univ. of Va., while Willis is president of the Virginia Company and the Virginia Wine of the Month Club. * On October 2, 2004, **Cynthia Withington** married **Jeremy Newman** in Speculator, N.Y. With her M.S. in biology from the Univ. of Denver ('04), Cindy is an environmental scientist for CH2Mhill in Denver. Jeremy is completing medical school at the Univ. of Colo. * **Tamara Hines Naylor** and husband Shawn welcomed second son **Christian** on January 17, 2005. He joins big brother **Shawn** (3 in March). * Social chairs **Phoebe Chase** and **Derek Esposito** are working hard on reunion plans. They would love to hear from classmates with suggestions for June 3–5. They're enjoying working with **Carolyn Bruce** and her company

on the class souvenir.

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01 **Pete Day** writes: "I'm enjoying life traveling the country with the Grift. Playing some rockin' shows, seeing some old friends, and getting great response from our new CD, *Life Beyond Aluminum*. Anyone so inclined can check it out and get a copy (thegrift.com)." * **Susan Angst** moved on from working in the admissions office at Middlebury and is now at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., where she's the associate director of admissions and the head nordic ski coach. Although quite busy, she gets to Boston from time to time to see Middlebury friends. * **Phillip Wood-Smith** moved back to New York from San Francisco in the fall. He'll be changing jobs from Bain & Company to Bain Capital's private equity group in their New York office. * Living in NYC, **Adam Schildge** works in foreign exchange for Bank of America. * Also in NYC, an opening reception was held on January 27 for **Emily Baker**'s watercolors. * **Emily Howe** and **Josh Frank** were married August 21, 2004, in Poulsbo, Wash., where the Midd crowd included **Danny O'Brien**, **Benji Perin**, **Katie DeNiro**, **Jessica Gigot**, **Jeff Phillippe**, **Sisa Suriel**, **Steve Fleming**, **Jennie Schniedwind**, and **Rob Verger**. Emily is getting her master's in fisheries science at the Univ. of Wash., while Josh is teaching fifth graders in the suburbs of Seattle. * The wedding of **Peter Jacoby** and **Jeanne Restivo '99** took place at Mead Chapel on October 16, 2004, and was followed by a reception at Roland's Place. Attendees from 2001 included **Brian Arcese**, **Chris Cheang**, **BJ Otten**, **Kristen Behr**, **Erin Sussman**, **Francisco Peschiera**, **Nick Reeb**, **Andrea Kaufman**, **Kelvin Roldan**, **Melanie Rausch**, **Matthew Arnould**, **Leslie Fox Arnould**, **Kate Griffiths**, **Corey Wilk**, **Bob Bryan**, **Brent Boscarino**, **Jessica Widay**, **Andrew Haley**, **Ben Pratt**, **Laura Yee**, **Jameson Tweedie**, **Chris Paul**, **Tim O'Keefe**, **Tim Boarini**, and **Matt Markowski**. * **Boylston, Mass.**, was the scene of the October 16 marriage of **Amanda Birns** and **Mark Roth**. **James Tsai**, **Tom Keon**, **Julie Russell**, and **Danielle Fischer** were there to celebrate with Amanda. * The holidays created many occasions for Midd friends to get together. The New York Middlebury Alumni Association holiday party was attended by '01s **Ethan Feurer**, **Ryan Miller**, **Jackie Fitzpatrick**, **Hallie Trattner**, **Laura Ford**, **Garret Dodge**, and **Leslie Arnould**. A large group also gathered at the Boston Middlebury Alumni Association holiday party, including **Kelsey Doub**, **James Tsai**, **Tom Keon**, **Peter Jacoby**, **Matt Arnould**, **Kiki Heffenstein**, **Faith Peters**, **Michelle Labbe**, and **Erik Carleton**. * **Kristen Sylva** hosted a holiday party at her Boston apartment that included **Becky Ruby**, **James Tsai**, **Tom Keon**, **Miranda Hillyard**, **Christine Knox '99**, **Jon Hanlon '93**, **Val O'Hearn '02**, **Katie Johnston '02**, **Kristin Ryan '99**, and **Blake Barkin '03**. * Gathering at the Boston home of **Matthew** and **Leslie Fox Arnould** to celebrate the holidays were **Corey Wilk**, **Kristen Sylva**, **Becky Ruby**, **Tom Keon**, **Chris Cheang**, **Zach Tofas '00**, **Keegan Uhl**, **Martha Crotoft '04**, **Neil Onsdorff '03**, **Nick Prigo '02**, and **Zach Bourque**. * **Kelly Knapp**, **Kate Wright Kelly**, **Jean Burr**, **John Colianni**, **Jess Stahl**, **Kevin**

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

Edward B. Young Jr. (M.A. '50) writes that he served in Italy during World War II. In Waynesboro, Va., he was a teacher, commandant, and headmaster at Fishburne Military School. During his 51 years of teaching, he served as head of school for nine years. ★ Friends of longtime Bread Loaf librarian **Brent Goeres** (M.A. '77), who died in Elma, Wash., on August 25, 2003, gathered at Bread Loaf's Vermont campus last summer to share stories, poems, and music, and to celebrate Brent's witty and generous spirit. Future Bread Loaf students will benefit from that splendid generosity through the Brent Goeres Scholarship Fund that he founded in 1996. ★ **Rebecca Cummins** (M.A. '96) is the new principal of Hinsdale (N.H.) Elementary School. After teaching junior high English and elementary math, she earned a master's in educational administration in 2003 and served as interim principal last year at a western Illinois high school. ★ **Hilary Peterson** (M.A. '03) and James Klug were married on June 26, 2004, in Middlebury, Conn. Hilary teaches high school English and journalism in Bozeman, Mont., where James owns and operates Yellow Dog Fly Fishing, a destination angling company. ★ The marriage of **Sorina Kulberg** ('04) and Gary Higgins took place on September 4, 2004, in Pittsfield, Mass. Sorina teaches English at the Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies in Lenox, while Gary is VP of engineering at Marland Mold in Pittsfield. ★ The Friends School of Baltimore recently named **Matthew Micciche** (M.A. '04) as head of school. He had been an assistant head at the Wilmington Friends School in Delaware.

French

Yvette Small Hohler (M.A. '68) retired in 1998 from teaching French at Smithtown (N.Y.) High School, after 33 years. Now an active Rotarian, she has immersed herself in the activities of cultur-

al, civic, and political organizations and is serving as a trustee of her undergraduate school's alumnae association. ★ **Laurie Treuhaft** (M.A. '77) has been a translator at the United Nations for the past 18 years. She also taught translation for nine years at NYU's School of Continuing Education. ★ The marriage of **Elizabeth Osborne** (M.A. '94) and Alexander Schmidt took place on October 23, 2004, in NYC. Elizabeth works at Sotheby's, where she is a VP, an auctioneer, and the head of the bid department. Alexander is an associate for commercial real estate finance at CIBC World Markets.

German

M. Paula Holdman, S.C. (M.A. '67), who has been involved with German translations on both sides of the Atlantic, addressed international alumnae of the Academy of Mt. St. Vincent (founded in 1847 in NYC) at the Tuxedo Park annual reunion last October. ★ **Kathy Cowin Decker** ('69) continues to work as a bilingual school psychologist for the San Lorenzo USD in California. She was recently blessed by the birth of a second grandchild, Colby Ryan, who joins his older brother Sammy (4). Another trip to Europe is planned for this coming summer, destination unknown at this point.

Italian

Mezzo-soprano **Elizabeth Shammash** ('89) has sung with several opera companies, including the Boston Lyric Opera, the Berkshire Opera, Wolf Trap Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas, the Sarasota Opera, and the Opera Theatre of St. Louis. Joining the roster of the NYC Opera in spring 2000, Elizabeth has appeared in performances at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center. She has had recitals at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and at colleges and universities around the country. ★ **Tamar Paltrow-Zwerdling** (M.A. '96) is president of Mondial Translations and Interpreting, Inc., a South Florida-based foreign language translation services agency specializing in document

translations, Web site localization, and interpreting in over 75 language combinations. A professional Italian translator and interpreter for 20 years, Tamar was the key interpreter and translator for the U.S. Marine Corps for the court-martials of the pilots responsible for killing 20 people in the Italian Alps in 1998.

Spanish

In Passaic, N.J., **Richard Brunelle** (M.A. '69) is teaching E.S.L. in Lincoln Middle School, the largest middle school in the state. He also coordinates the assessment and placement of students in the E.S.L./bilingual department. ★ Now retired from teaching, **Carole Palmer** (M.A. '70) is acting in regional theater on Long Island. ★ **Eliane Van Stichel** (M.A. '72) reports a recent visit to the U.S. to correct Spanish AP papers in San Antonio, Texas, where she met up with **Lourdes Ramirez-Crusellas** (M.A. '71, and later prof. of Spanish at Middlebury Summer Language Schools). On her way home to Belgium, Eliane stopped to visit **Barbara Blauman** (M.A. '72). Eliane writes: "The three of us have been friends for a long time, thanks to the Middlebury Spanish Summer School." ★ **Derek Taylor** (D.M.L. '78) sadly reports the death of his wife, Maureen Taylor, on October 7. Most recently the foreign languages department chair at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Conn., she had taught previously at the Nightingale Bamford School in Manhattan, and at Greenwich Academy. Maureen is survived by her husband and two daughters, Nell and Maria. ★ As of December 9, 2004, Pope John Paul II appointed Most Reverend **Wilton Gregory** ('87) the archbishop-elect of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He had been serving as the bishop of Belleville, Ill. ★ At Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y., **Nicholas Busch** (M.A. '98) has been named assistant prof. in the modern languages department. ★ **Marta Loyola** (D.M.L. in Spanish and French '02) is assistant prof. of Spanish and English as a Second Language at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis.

Borecki, and Russell Plato '02, had an early New Year's celebration in Hinesburg, Vt., which included a day of hitting the icy ski slopes at Stowe and a delicious dinner of chicken and dumplings prepared by Kate and her husband. This was the fourth consecutive year that the group had gotten together at year's end. ★ Celebrating the new year at **Zak Pritchard's** house in Concord, Mass., **James Tsai**, **Benjamin Maldonado**, **Tyler Christie**, **Dave Koltai**, **Pete Day**, **Brian Bethke**, **Courtney Brocks**, Vinny Idone '02 (and his new wife, Tauna Saunders Idone '02), **Keegan Uhl**, and many others dined on a wonderful meal of ostrich and stuffed chicken. Pete, Dave, and company jammed into the New Year. ★ **Luke Day** is happily toiling away as a first (soon to be second!) year medical student at Albany Medical College, where he's "quite content—and tired." ★ On April 25, composer **Devin Arrington** is having "Jerusalem" (a piece he wrote for clarinet, cello, and piano) premiered in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. This is part of the New York Youth Symphony's First Music commissioning prize. ★ Still surfing, **Ben Sprague** is working for the Santa Barbara Bowl, Santa Barbara's concert venue. ★ **Joshua Broder** is working in Germany in an Army satellite communications unit. He recently saw Katherine Robinson '02 and **Katherine Hollis** in Paris. In

February, he was moving to Afghanistan for a year. ★ Having completed her master's at Boston Univ. in December, **Becky Ruby** is now working in D.C. as the communications director for Congressman Phil Gingrey of Georgia. ★ Sadly, **Peter Wall** passed away on October 30, 2004, in San Francisco. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. —Class Secretaries: **Leslie Fox Arnould** (lesliefox01@alumni.middlebury.edu), 1 Emerson Pl., #5A, Boston, MA 02114; and **Michael Hartt** (hartt@alumni.middlebury.edu), 616 N. Oxford St., Arlington, VA 22203.

02 The winter was filled with new updates. **Matt Dougherty** reported that he completed Officer Training School for the U.S. Marines. He said his new military haircut in no way compares to his freshman-year tennis team mohawk, but he tries to keep in vogue. His military team has been stationed in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, supporting 2nd Battalion Marines since late August. He was "looking forward to putting his feet back on American soil in a couple of months." ★ **Elizabeth Donnan**, who had been working with Ari Fleischer '82 in the press office of the White House, left shortly after Ari resigned. Last October, Ari hired her to be a research associate for

his book, *Taking Heat* (William Morrow, March 1, 2005). ★ Following Feb. '03 graduation, **Kimya Gharib** spent a year and a half in Park City, Utah, where she worked as a ski instructor. Last May she moved to her hometown of Bethesda, Md., to work at Octagon, a sports management/marketing firm, specializing in men's tennis. ★ **Katie Samson** is getting her master's in art history at the Univ. of Ariz., and working at their Center for Creative Photography. She writes that she has gotten involved in wheelchair rugby and tennis and is slowly adjusting to the desert. ★ **Kristy Fullerton** is teaching French in both middle school and high school. She has returned to Midd each summer since graduation to complete her master's in French. Plus, she reports, that after 10 years of practicing martial arts, she is training for her black belt. ★ **Katharine Wolf** has quit her job at Taco Bell in Newark and will be moving to Paris, France, where she will be working as an associate at Deutsche Bank. ★ **Eamon Griffin** is a first- and second-grade Spanish teacher in Westport, Conn. He spent last summer in Nicaragua chaperoning Cloud Forest Adventures, a language immersion program. ★ **Dana Chapin** is "living in a dorm again, working at a boarding school in Monterey, Calif. Typical weekend rendezvous in San Francisco with the young alumni include bocce ball, croquet, and gen-

eral recreating, Midd style." * In July 2004, **Laura Bloom** moved back to NYC after living in Boston for a year and a half. She left her job at Pathfinder International and found a new one as a capital campaign associate for Inwood House, a nonprofit that does teen pregnancy prevention and youth development work in NYC. * **Dave Gaddas** and **Bill Perkins**, who recently moved to NYC, have been spotted in SCORES, where they have been carrying out community service. * **Matt O'Hara** is another new face to join NYC's vibrant community. Having traveled the world over the last few years, Matt plans on visiting Buenos Aires, Argentina, before hanging up his hat in NYC. * Be sure to schedule your next doctor's appointment with **Greg Woo** in the year 2011. Now in his second year of medical school at UMass, Greg lives with fellow second-year **Josh Flanagan** and first-year medical student **Andrea Klayman** '03. * In the wedding department, **Tauna Saunders** and **Vincent Idone** got married August 28, 2004, at Red Butte Gardens in Salt Lake City, Utah. Tauna is program coordinator for Connecticut Parent Power, a statewide organization located in Danbury that advocates for children and families. Vinny is pursuing a Ph.D. in microbiology at Yale. * **Andrew Dombrowski**, **Pace Ralli**, **Lee Jones**, **Anne Alfano**, and **Britney Spears** have formed a fledgling rock cover band and plan to have their first performance by the time this issue of *Midd Magazine* is published (which might not be until we are all in the geriatric ward). * Please continue to send your updates our way. We love to hear from you. —Class Secretaries: *Anne Alfano (aalfano2000@yahoo.com)*, 258 W. 15th St., #2RE, New York, NY 10011; and *Stephen Messinger (messdog9@hotmail.com)*, 166 High St., Danvers, MA 01923.

03 **Susan Simpson** is attending graduate school in the geography department at the Univ. of Ariz. She's also employed at the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth, working for the Climate Assessment for the Southwest Project (www.ispe.arizona.edu). * Living in NYC, **Kristin Hanley** is working at Major League Baseball. * **Ben Hayes** and **Beth Eisenhower** are living in Eugene, Ore., where Ben works for the Oregon Festival of American Music and Beth is getting her master's in architecture at the Univ. of Ore. * **Kent Newman** was thrilled to see many Midd friends while on the East Coast last November to run in the NYC Marathon. * Congratulations to Andrew '01 and **Katie Shutte Shogan**, who were married on July 24, 2004. The newlyweds are living in Lafayette, Calif. —Class Secretaries: *Meagan Dodge (mdodge@itsa.ucsf.edu)*, 2580 Polk St., #11, San Francisco, CA 94109; and *Ulises Zanello (uzanello@citi-habitats.com)*, 64-49 Shaler Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385.

04 Singer-songwriter **Anais Mitchell** performed at the Ripton Community House last summer. * **Annie Legg** is working at Christie's Auction House in NYC. She's lucky enough to see lots of Midd friends in the city. * **Lauren Keene** is doing drafting and design work for Witt Construction in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. * Let's hear some news from the rest of you! —Class Secretaries: *Julia Hervod (jhervod@alumni.middlebury.edu)*, 235 E. 95th St., #25J, New York, NY 10128; and *Athenia Fischer (princess1328@yahoo.com)*, 254 Stagg St., Brooklyn, NY 11206.

25 **Isabell Marshall Howard**, 100, of North Clarendon, Vt., on December 9, 2004. A Wellesley graduate she taught languages at George School in Bucks County, Pa., for three years. A student all her life, she studied organic chemistry into her tenth decade. She and her husband, Detroit doctor Philip J. Howard, maintained a summer home in Vermont. Following his death in 1993, she returned to their farm in Clarendon. She was also predeceased by sister Virginia Marshall Dugan '29 and sister-in-law Elizabeth Howard Gordon '26. Survivors include sons George M. Howard, Philip J. Howard II, and Charles B. Howard; daughter Julie Howard Parker '54 and her husband, Peter T. Parker '54; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

29 **Newton H. Baker**, 97, of Waterbury, Vt., on January 13, 2005. With a master's in education (Columbia Univ., 1935), he served as a principal, educator, and coach in Wilmington, Vt. In Waterbury, he was employed by the state of Vermont as the director of teacher certification from 1946 to 1966. At Johnson State College, he served as VP and acting president, then joined the staff of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), retiring in 1974. Last year, VSAC honored him by creating a scholarship in his name. He filled his leisure time with service to his community. A Red Sox fan, he lived to experience the Red Sox World Series Championship last year, the second in his lifetime. He leaves his wife of 66 years, Elaine Brown Baker '39, daughters Diane Harper, Brenda Messier, and Martha B. Fiske; sons Newton B. Baker '64, Philip Baker, and Donald Baker; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

32 **Gray N. Taylor**, 95, of Gloversville, Albany, and Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on November 23, 2004. He served two years in the U.S. Navy. With an Ed.D. degree in educational administration (NYU, 1960), he held positions in teaching and administration in Gloversville, Northville, Rome, Cherry Valley, Schenectady, Syracuse, and Yorktown, N.Y. He also served as associate supervisor with the New York State Education Department. The New York State Association of School Business Officials, of which he was a past president, awarded him its Outstanding Service Award in 1965. A Rotarian, an amateur photographer and woodworker, and an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany, he served on the executive board of the Trinity Nursery School and Day Care Center. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Georgiana Hulet Taylor '32; daughter Betsy Taylor '69; sons Philip, Lee, and Stephen; eight grandchildren (including Susannah Church Maxwell '97); and seven great-grandchildren.

35 **Helen Parsons Pierce**, 90, of Springfield, Vt., on December 27, 2004. In 1957, she began work in the Montpelier Office of Child Welfare as a caseworker, moved on to the Springfield office, and retired as social services district director in 1979. She was married to John C. Pierce '36 from 1937 to 1965. Survivors include daughters Ann Pierce Caswell '64 and Marjory Pierce, son Nick Pierce, nine grandchildren (including Rebecca Caswell Copeland '87), one great-grandchild, and four step-grandchildren. She was predeceased by John Pierce in 1970 and by son Jeremy Pierce in 1990.

36 **Mavis Jones Little**, 89, of Slingerlands, N.Y., on December 13, 2004. A graduate

of Russell Sage College, she worked on the staff of Memorial Hospital in Albany, where she met her husband, Dr. George Frank Little. On their farm in Voorheesville, they raised English springer spaniels for 50 years and were active in the Albany Spaniel Club, the Connecticut Spaniel Field Trial Club, and the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club. They moved to Delmar in 1988. Predeceased by her husband in 2000, she leaves many nieces and their offspring.

Elizabeth Rivenburgh Opdyke, 87, of Basking Ridge, N.J., on December 31, 2003. With a master's in nursing from the School of Nursing at Western Reserve Univ. in Cleveland, she was on the staff of the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service in NYC until returning to Cleveland as an instructor in obstetric nursing in 1942. While her husband, Dr. David Opdyke, assisted in reorganizing Japanese medical schools (1961-1963), they lived in Surabaya, Indonesia, with son David and daughter Nancy. After her husband's retirement in 1982, they divided their time between Greenville, N.C., and Bar Harbor, Maine, until moving to Basking Ridge.

George B. Robbins, 90, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., on August 4, 2004. A graduate of the Univ. of Mich., he played on the 1936 U.S. Olympic hockey team. A retired U.S.A.F. colonel, he was serving as a B-17 pilot during World War II when he was shot down and held as a POW for 13 months. He later served as commander of Templehof Airfield in Berlin and McGuire Air Force Base.

38 **Henry M. Richardson**, 88, of Canandaigua, N.Y., on February 18, 2005. He served as a Marine Corps aviator during World War II. He was a public school teacher and administrator in Le Roy and Tarrytown, N.Y., before joining the English department faculty at Westchester Community College. Retiring in 1979, he was a volunteer for the Division of Blind Services in Daytona Beach, Fla., for 10 years. Survivors include wife Florence, son William E. Richardson '67, daughters Mary Luthi and Martha Monaghan, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

41 **Jessie Hallstead Pearce**, 86, of Corsicana, Texas, on February 2, 2005. A 1941 graduate of Cornell Univ., she was involved until recently with the Western Art and Civil War Collections, housed at Navarro College in Corsicana. Survivors include husband Charles S. Pearce Jr., son Charles III, daughter Vivian, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

42 **William Andrews**, 84, of Southbury, Conn., on December 3, 2004. An Army veteran of World War II, he retired as manager of wholesale relations at Cannon Mills, Inc. In North Tarrytown, N.Y., he volunteered to supervise construction of a daycare center and served on the board. He played the steel drum and was part of the Philipse Manor Brute Force Steel Band that played throughout the Northeast for 25 years. Retiring to Heritage Village in 1991, he was an MRT and driver for the Heritage Village Ambulance Association, among many other activities. He was the husband of Margaret (Buscher) and the widower of Jean (Bell). Besides his wife, he leaves son Craig Andrews; daughters Mary Andrews, Sally Andrews '71, Nancy Andrews-Rankin, Peggy Andrews-Blades, and Janet Andrews; stepchildren Kathy Stroud and Chris Day; brother

IN MEMORIAM

Dud Phinney

JUNE 30, 1913–DECEMBER 27, 2005

ON A WARM, LATE-SUMMER AFTERNOON CLOSE TO 20 YEARS AGO, George “Dud” Phinney ’37 is doing what he does best. He’s teaching. The student is a 30-something Midd alum with a terminal slice and a tee time, two days hence, in Middlebury’s alumni golf tournament. Dud patiently watches as the student hits a few shots, all with a telltale banana shape and a sickening lack of authority. Dud works on correcting the student’s grip, and then puts his hands on the student’s shoulders and turns, physically forcing him to aim at the target.

Two days later, the pupil stands on the first tee at Ralph Myhre Golf Course, driver in hand and heart in his throat. He tees up his ball, thinks about Dud’s advice, waggles the clubhead, relaxes his grip, and makes a swing. While more suited to an agricultural setting than a golf course, the swing somehow returns the clubhead to the ball, and sends it down the fairway, eerily straight, coming to rest about 220 yards from the tee. Thanks, Dud.

George “Dud” Phinney died on January 27, after a long illness. He was 91. The longtime golf pro at the Middlebury golf course, he was also a member of a four-generation Middlebury family, spanning three different centuries in the life of the College. It began with wife Adele’s father, Bertram Marshall, Class of 1895, and continued with Dud ’37 and Adele ’41, and then sons George ’68 and Bert ’73, and George’s wife Jane Belcher Phinney ’73. Today, the Phinney name is carried by Dud and Adele’s grandson Brian, Class of 2005—son of George and Jane, captain of the Panther hockey team.

Dud Phinney captained both the hockey and golf teams at Middlebury. Following his graduation, he became a teacher and a coach at Middlebury High School, where he would remain until his retirement in 1983, with time out only for service in the Army during World War II (1943–46) and graduate school at UVM, where he received a master’s degree in 1947. At the high school, he served for years as chairman of the Social Science Department, as an assistant principal, and briefly as acting principal. Dud coached golf and hockey for both the high school and the College, and served as the high school’s athletic director.

But generations of Middlebury College students will remember Dud best as a golf pro. He worked as the pro at Woods Hole Golf Club on Cape Cod while still in college, and in 1952 was named pro at the Middlebury Golf Course, now known as the Ralph Myhre Golf Course, where he served for 38 years, retiring at the end of the 1990 season.

According to Howard Kelton, who managed the course for many years, Dud was teaching from the time he got to the course to the time he left. Dud had one of the best swings around and, as Howard says, nobody hit more practice balls. Not surprisingly, Dud and Adele’s sons Bert and George became fine golfers in their own right. And among the local kids who learned golf’s fundamentals from Dud—lessons back in the day were 25 cents—was Patty Sheehan, daughter of Bobo Sheehan ’44. Patty would go on to a Hall of Fame career on the LPGA tour.

On behalf of Patty and all those he taught to love the game: Thanks, Dud.

—Tim Etchells ’74

Craig Andrews; sister-in-law Elizabeth Schimmat Andrews ’52; and six grandchildren. A son, Billy, is deceased.

C. David Burt, 84, of Ellensburg, Wash., on January 28, 2005. In April 1942, he joined the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Regiment, F Company, where he taught winter warfare tactics, skiing, and mountain survival. Later he joined the Aleutian campaign and fought up through Italy to the Alps, in a campaign during which he was twice decorated. Discharged in October 1945, he returned to complete his undergraduate degree in 1950. While teaching high school English in Superior, Mont., he earned an M.A. in English (Montana State

Univ., 1958). From 1959 to 1986, he taught at Central Washington State College. An avid fisherman and conservationist, he formed a conservancy to save the Yakima River Canyon from development in 1966. Predeceased by wife Edith (Nightingale) in 1977, he leaves sons John, Walter ’82, and Nathan Burt ’86; daughters Ellen, Emily, and Sarah; five grandchildren; and sister Helen Burt Wright ’34.

43 Frances Head Gale, 83, of Gloucester, Mass., on February 4, 2005. She played the violin in the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and continued to share her talents at Trinity Congregational Church in Gloucester. She chaired

the local Head Start, was active in the League of Women Voters, was a founding member of the Cape Ann Feminists, and helped create the Women’s Health Service. As members of Concerned Citizens of Cape Ann, she and her husband led peaceful protests against the Vietnam War and the invasion of Cambodia. Earning a master’s in counseling (Northeastern Univ., 1974), she worked as a family therapist and formed a support group for parents who had lost a child. At age 67, she participated in a Witness for Peace delegation to a war zone in Nicaragua. She faced a 1992 diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease with characteristic courage and was cared for primarily by her husband, John S. Gale ’43, who survives. She also leaves daughters Barbara Gale and Judith Gale, son Jack Gale, and five grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include nieces Carol Gale Barnes ’69 and Margaret E. Gale ’71. She was predeceased by son George H. Gale and by brother-in-law Robert G. Gale ’41.

44 Rose C. Baruzzi, 82, of Largo, Fla., on February 14, 2005. She was employed by the U.S. Department of Defense, National Security Agency, for 34 years, receiving the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In 1981, she graduated from a two-year program for laypersons in ministry work at Trinity College, Washington, D.C. She ministered to the sick and the elderly, served on the parish council and as a eucharistic minister, and she volunteered at a community center and a hospital. Predeceased by sister Barbara Baruzzi ’41 in December 2003, she leaves sister Mary Lauttenbach and her family.

Peter S. Jennison, 82, of Taftsville, Vt., on December 20, 2004. During World War II, he served in the Army Tank Destroyers and the Office of Strategic Services. His career as an author, book publisher, and historian began in New York City at *Publishers Weekly*, American Book Publishers Council, and then the National Book Committee, where he managed the National Book Awards and directed the National Library Week Program from 1964 to 1971. Returning to Vermont in 1972, he and his wife revived the *Countryman Press*, publishing books of local and regional interest in Woodstock. For 10 years, he was contributing editor of *Vermont Magazine*, writing inn and restaurant reviews. He received lifetime achievement awards from the Vermont Arts Council in 1999 and from the Vermont Publishers Association in 1996. He also served his community in many capacities. Predeceased by wife Jane (Lowe) in 1997, he leaves son Andrew and two grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include great-niece Christine Goodman Smith ’81.

Raymond B. Tierney, 80, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., on February 2, 2005. He served in the Navy during World War II, earned a master’s in chemistry (Middlebury, 1948), received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry (Ohio State Univ., 1951), and worked as a research chemist at Texaco Research Laboratories for 37 years. He was predeceased by wife Mary (Sheil) on January 8, 2005; and by brother Martin Tierney in 2003. Survivors include daughter Mary ’78; sons Paul ’76, Daniel, Richard, James, Raymond, and Michael; and 20 grandchildren.

45 Edward E. Adams, 83, of House Springs, Mo., on September 13, 2004. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he earned an MBA (NYU, 1952) and had a long career in

safety engineering, including 25 years with Pet Milk Company. He retired in 1987 as director of loss prevention. As a National Private Truck Council board member, he was instrumental in national legislation requiring anti-lock brakes on tractor-trailers. He served as a Scoutmaster and Explorer Post Leader, was also a founding board member of the High Ridge Community Center. Survivors include wife Geraldine (Prior); sons Ed, Andrew, John, and Quincy; daughters Sheila, Louise, and Prisella; and three grandchildren.

46 Julia Boss Goodridge, 79, of Needham, Mass., on December 3, 2004. She retired as an administrative assistant to the president of the Shawmut Bank of Boston. Survivors include husband Frederick R. Goodridge '47; son Frederick Jr.; daughters Jean Spoth, Laura Azzara, and Caroline Harrington; 12 grandchildren; and brother Richard Boss. She was predeceased by brothers Eugene Jr. and Thomas E. Boss '52.

Louise von Thurn Kava, 78, of Damariscotta, Maine, on January 9, 2005. With a degree in nursing (Cornell Univ.), she practiced psychiatric nursing at the VA hospital in Bedford, Mass. After earning a master's in library science (Boston State College, 1981), she served as an elementary school librarian for the Burlington (Mass.) public schools for 17 years. She was active in politics and supported several conservation organizations. Survivors include husband Francis J. Kava, sons Charles and Jonathan, and three grandchildren. She was predeceased by daughter Sharon Kava in 1995, and by Middlebury sister Elizabeth von Thurn Frawley '43 and her husband, Ernest D. Frawley '42.

Valeta Cutting Robinson, 79, of Wilbraham, Mass., on December 3, 2004. With a master's from Springfield College, she was a teacher at Minnechaug Regional High School for 22 years, retiring in 1985. Survivors include husband George H. Robinson, sons Glenn and Gregg Robinson, and five grandchildren.

47 Eugene P. Hubbard, 81, of Watervliet, N.Y., on December 19, 2004. He served as a Navy pilot during World War II. A Cornell Law School graduate, he practiced law in Utica, Minneapolis (Minn.), and Syracuse, retiring in 1992. He leaves wife Mary (Prentiss), daughter Nancy Berind, son Stephen Hubbard, three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Middlebury survivors include cousin Barbara Schobinger Short '49, nieces Deborah Hubbard Hilton '66 and Molly Hubbard Wolf '68, nephew Sidney A. Patchett Jr. '66, and sister-in-law Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens '41. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Moses G. Hubbard '13, mother Phyllis Hopkins Hubbard '13, brother M. Gilbert Hubbard '41, sister Phyllis Hubbard Patchett '40, uncle Eugene P. Hubbard '17, and brother-in-law Sidney A. Patchett '41.

48 Robert K. Jones, 80, of Claremont, N.H., on December 2, 2004. During World War II, he served in the Air Force for three years. He retired in 1979 as assistant treasurer at the Claremont Savings Bank. A world traveler, he also cared for his grandfather's farm, served as director of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the U.S. Department of the Interior National Parks Service. He raised doberman pinscher show dogs and Morgan horses for many years.

IN MEMORIAM

Timothy A. Rowe '73

JULY 25, 1951–FEBRUARY 8, 2005

TIM ROWE '73, the founder and director of the Amadeus Orchestra, died unexpectedly on February 8 at the age of 53.

A music major at Middlebury, with a concentration in art history, he had an innate genius for music: he could play anything on the piano after hearing it just once, and improvise everything from the silly to the profound. Emory Fanning, his choral, organ, and conducting mentor, remembers that "Tim developed a remarkable range of talents and interests; besides his obvious gifts as a music student, he was much appreciated for his high energy and great good humor." Middlebury was a special place to Tim and to his family: his parents met here, and a brother and sister also attended.

After Middlebury he went on to study choral conducting at the University of Wisconsin with Robert Fountain. Following his graduate studies, Tim settled in the Washington, D.C., area. In 1981 he founded the Great Falls Concert Series and was founder and music director of the Amadeus Orchestra. He created the Amadeus Young Artists' Program in 1998 and was also founder and artistic director of the Potomac Theater Orchestra. Some highlights of his career include conducting debuts at Carnegie Hall in 1991 and the Kennedy Center in 2001, and recordings he directed that will be released on the Naxos label. He was also a popular lecturer about music, serving as adjunct lecturer at Georgetown University, senior lecturer in music for the Smithsonian Institution, guest lecturer for many other organizations, and leader of international study tours.

Tim's many friends were stunned to hear of his sudden death, and to learn that he took his own life. We knew Tim well, but, alas, not well enough. His sister, Ellen Rowe, told me that "he was certainly in fine form in his last days, helping a struggling young concert violinist to purchase a new violin, helping a friend mount a photography exhibit and just in general being as generous with his time as he could be." Another sister, Judy Rowe Michaels '66, told me she thought Tim would have been moved at the memorial service when "the rector asked various groups to stand so we could see how many people Tim had reached through music—the piano students, the people who went to his lectures over the years or on his Danube cruises, people who'd played in his various concerts or attended them, people who'd sung in his various church choirs, young artists he'd helped."

When I learned of Tim's death, what came to mind was the image of a passing comet: it arrives in a bright blaze, inspires and amazes all who see it, and then, all too soon, is gone.

—Peter Hamlin '73

George T. Merritt, 79, of New Haven, Vt., on January 1, 2005. He completed service with the Navy before earning his Middlebury degree. With a Fulbright to England (1962) and an Ed.D. from Columbia (1967), he was a music director in several schools and a paid tenor in churches and synagogues in Vermont, New York, and New Jersey. While teaching in Burlington, Vt., he produced the first off-Broadway production of *West Side Story*; he also taught on Long Island. He later became president of Merritt PersonnaFax, Inc. He served on the New Haven Planning Commission and initiated the purchase of a house for the New Haven Community Project. He leaves wife Margo; son George Jr.; daughters Claudia O'Neill, Carroll Merritt, and Laurie Connolly; two stepsons; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; sister Gloria Merritt Piersall '43; and brother Francis Merritt. He was predeceased by son Michael L. Merritt '72 (in 1993) and by sister Nettie-Mae Merritt Hare '45.

Lawrence F. Willard, 85, of Montclair, N.J., on February 14, 2005. After serving in the Army during World War II, he played trombone with a New England dance band (The Blue Jackets). A newspaper writer, photographer, and magazine editor, he also served as director of public relations and publications at the Univ. of New Haven. He launched his career as a free-lance writer and photographer with student publications at Middlebury. As a student he sold his first work to *Yankee* magazine; he rarely missed an issue until 1990. He was the founder and editor of the *Pictorial Connecticut* magazine in the 1960s. After earning an M.A. in corporate and political communication (Fairfield Univ., 1973), he was a prof. in the English department of Manchester Community College for 20 years. Survivors include wife Helen (Lawrence); daughters Joanne Willard-Leventhal, Linda Willard, Laurie Grimaldi, and Shelley Willard; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

49 Patricia McFarland Moyer, 77, of Kennett Square, Pa., on January 18, 2005.

She worked at the Harvard Graduate School of Education until her 1951 marriage to Ray Bowers. She was involved in AAUW, Cub Scouts, and PTA, and served as a Winterthur guide while earning her M.Ed. at the Univ. of Delaware. She later assisted her husband in his consulting business. Following her husband's death in 1987, she worked for a bank. In 1994, she married David Moyer, with whom she retired to Hanover. He preceded her in death. She is survived by children Diane Bowers, Peter Bowers, and Crickett Clausen.

50 Albert G. Craz Jr., 78, of East Moriches, N.Y., on June 27, 2004. He served in the military before earning his Middlebury degree and his M.A. (Bread Loaf, 1955). He was an English teacher and department chair at secondary schools in Massachusetts, Germany, and New York state. Credited with pioneering the use of electives in English departments on Long Island, he also authored a number of children's books, edited textbooks, and sang professionally. During his 15 post-retirement years, he worked as a paralegal for a Long Island law firm. An avid collector of Sherwood Anderson first editions, he gave his collection to Middlebury College in 1991. Survivors include wife Joan, son Peter B. Craz '75, daughter Lynda, and three grandchildren.

Ruth Burton Minas, 83, of Rockport, Mass., on January 18, 2005. She was a well-known North Shore artist and a World War II Navy veteran. Survivors include daughter Nancy Walker Zeller, sons James and Christopher Walker, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

51 John W. Burkewitz Jr., 79, of Plainville, Mass., on January 8, 2005. A decorated veteran of World War II, he served in the Naval Air Corps (1943–1947). While at Middlebury, he operated his own flying school. He played semi-pro baseball for the Northern League, was a manager at General Electric, and worked at Hancock Bank, among several positions. Survivors include wife Elizabeth (McQuade), son Bart, daughter Lee Lewis, and two grandchildren.

53 William C. Calvert Jr., 74, of Chatham, N.J., on December 21, 2004. He retired as the president of Calvert Consultants, Inc. Predeceased by wife Doris in 1999, he is survived by daughters Nancy, Deborah, and Jill; son William; nine grandchildren; and brother Larrie S. Calvert.

William G. Hare, 73, of New Fairfield, Conn., on January 23, 2005. A middle school assistant principal in Stamford, he later taught at the Beta Academy in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In 1990, he founded the Liberty Party and ran in the Fifth Congressional District race. Survivors include daughter Jennifer Hare, and sons James and William.

58 David Franklin Silver Jr., 68, of Pinehurst, N.C., on December 15, 2004. A graduate of the Univ. of Va. Law School (1961), he worked for IBM from 1961 until 1990. He then worked six years for Ayala Corp. in the Philippines. Moving to Pinehurst in 1996, he was a member of the Lake Association Board of Pinehurst and the Tin Whistles. Survivors include wife Judith (Hallock), son David W. Silver, daughter Kimberly Perry, and three grandchildren.

59 L. Bruce Barkman, 66, of Westmount, Quebec, Canada, on January 5, 2005. With a Ph.D. in linguistics and French (Georgetown Univ., 1966), he taught languages and developed an automated system for the semantic analysis and indexing of French medical records. Retiring in 1993, he played classical piano and was an avid tennis player. He is survived by former wife and great friend Anne Goebel Barkman '59, sons Alfred, Fred, and Stephen; daughter Margaret; and four grandchildren.

76 Jeffrey S. Russian, 50, of Manhattan, N.Y., on January 7, 2005. With a master's in arts administration (Univ. of Wis.-Madison, 1981), his career in administration, development and finance included working at the Boston Ballet, Harvard Univ. art museums, and the Harvard School of Public Health. He began working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1991; his most recent position was VP for finance and planning. A talented musician, he played jazz piano in many venues, performing with the Headless Barbies, Arte Miller Band, Drummers Collective, Wall Street Jam, and EZ3. He was also an avid cyclist. Although he was not a smoker, he was struck down by lung cancer. He is survived by wife Elisabeth Ames and son Zachary Ames.

Faculty

Duncan McDonald, 85, professor emeritus of biology, of Flagstaff, Ariz., on January 24, 2005. During his 18 years on the faculty (1967–1985), he taught courses in animal behavior, evolution, genetics, entomology, general and invertebrate biology, and ornithology. Recognizing the essential role of science in the liberal education of young men and women, he made important contributions to the development of both the biology department and the sciences in general at Middlebury College. He received his B.Sc. in entomology from McGill Univ. and his M.A. in endocrinology from Harvard Univ. After three years of graduate study in the genetics of skin transplantation as a Rhodes Scholar at Merton College, Oxford, he joined the faculty of Dartmouth College in 1948. From 1951 to 1954, he was the director of the genetics department of the Atomic Bomb Casualties Commission in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. In the 1950s and 1960s, he taught on the faculties of St. John's College (Annapolis, Md.), the Univ. of Puerto Rico, and the Univ. of Peshawar, Pakistan. He published several articles in biological journals on a wide variety of topics, including the control of locusts, animal behavior, and the effects of exposure to atomic bomb radiation on pregnant women in Japan. The minute in honor of his retirement, read at the May 1985 faculty meeting, noted that he was a "generalist, a non-conformist, and an original thinker . . . incredibly well-read in a large variety of areas."

Staff

Alan Williams, 65, of Weybridge, Vt., on February 9, 2005, following a long illness. A College employee since 1992, he worked in several positions in dining services, rising to server supervisor, before transferring to facilities management as a boiler plant operator in 2001. Remembered by many as a member of the catering staff, he worked at numerous College events, where his British accent and his gracious demeanor while tending bar or serving hors d'oeuvres charmed many College guests.

Language Schools

40 Edith H. Moberg, 101, M.A. English, of Wallingford, Conn., on March 18, 2004. She taught English at Watertown High School.

43 Norma Catherine Butler, 94, M.A. English, of Sandy Creek, N.Y., on December 18, 2004. For 39 years, she taught English in the high schools in Palmyra and Rochester, N.Y.

45 Jean M. Pettit, 95, M.A. English, of Chattanooga, Tenn., on November 27, 2004. She taught at the Univ. of Chattanooga and retired from Kearney (Neb.) State College as a full professor of English.

49 Robert H. Brunell, 82, M.A. Spanish, of Auburn, N.Y., on December 22, 2004. An Army veteran, he taught English at Cayuga Community College from 1954 until his death.

Leo J. Charbonneau, 91, M.A. French, of Worcester, Mass., on January 5, 2005. He was a retired secondary language teacher.

52 Barbara Craig McDowell, 84, M.A. English, of East Orleans, Mass., on October 22, 2004. She taught English at several New England colleges and at Dean College in New Jersey, retiring in 1971.

54 Peter C. Barnard, 79, M.A. English, of Portland, Maine, on January 22, 2005. A teacher and administrator, he retired as director of development at Maine Medical Center.

57 Albert W. Je Kenta, M.A. French, of Albertville, Ala., on December 7, 2004.

65 Peter Bard, 76, M.A. Russian, of Dayton, Ohio, on January 2, 2004. An Air Force veteran, he was awarded the Korean service medal. He taught mathematics in the Dayton Public Schools for 30 years.

66 Peter W. Odell, 66, of St. Augustine, Fla., on January 15, 2005. He was dean of admissions at New College in Sarasota.

67 Robert E. Bourdette Jr., 68, M.A. English, of Ithaca, N.Y., on December 28, 2004. Retiring in 2000 as full prof. at the Univ. of New Orleans, he continued his scholarly work at Cornell University's Kroch Library Rare Manuscript Facility. He coauthored a textbook (*The Poem in Question*), wrote the Milton section in *The Dictionary of Seventeenth Century British Philosophers*, and did 25 years of research toward publication on Richard Bentley's edition of John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Bread Loaf School of English, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

88 Amie W. Nixon, 43, M.A. French, of Montpelier, Vt., on January 4, 2005. She taught French at Hotchkiss School and at Berwick Academy. Recently, she was director of substance abuse programs for the State of Vermont.

91 Christine Stanley Becker, 61, Spanish, of Egg Harbor Township, Maine, on December 19, 2004. She taught Spanish at Mainland Regional High School for 31 years.

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A Moment in Time

A writer recalls marching for civil rights.

BY ED WEISSMAN '65

THE INTERSTATE CURVED as we drove into Alabama. On the radio,

Shirley Bassey was singing the theme to *Goldfinger*. I felt very James Bondish, though I was at the wheel of a gray '62 Rambler American. Two days earlier we'd been in Vermont.

Middlebury in March of 1965 was in transition. The class of '65 was the first class not to have compulsory chapel. A number of fraternities had left their nationals, unwilling to limit membership to white Christians. Women still had curfews and were not allowed to smoke outside—it wasn't considered ladylike. Our class was the last that had to sit through high school civics repackaged as contemporary civilization.

The world had come to Middlebury. We heard hundreds of jets being redeployed to Plattsburgh during the Cuban Missile Crisis. We heard church bells pealing when JFK was assassinated. And we saw what was happening in the South.

When Dr. King's march in Selma for voting rights was halted by a sheriff's brutality, a large group of us met in Mead Chapel. Chaplain Scott presided, and some of us decided we had to go stand up for what we took for granted:



American democracy. A faculty member, Lloyd Axworthy, later Canada's minister of foreign affairs, went with us.

The interstates were a patchwork, travel was slow, and we slept at some of our homes near Washington and in Atlanta. Parents didn't do a very good job of disguising their worries.

Alabama was a war zone—Montgomery, in particular—and we seemed outnumbered. We were met with menacing stares, signs, faces twisted in hate. The federalized Alabama National Guard was under orders to guard the marchers, but the Guard appeared sullen

and angry. We marched and camped in fenced enclaves in the black part of town, where the pavement ran out and the mud got deep. I didn't feel very James Bondish anymore.

Then came the big day. I remember some of us—Robert, Ginny, Eric, Peter, and Lloyd. For me, it was so intense I didn't have time to look around and remember.

I'd been at the 1963 March on Washington, and it was only afterwards that the "I Have A Dream" speech would become iconic. In Montgomery, in the moment, I knew this was for the ages. Two Americas were butting up

against one another as if tectonic plates were shifting.

A white, racist America on the sidewalks watched as an integrated America marched to the state capitol. We were a parade guarded by the Guard, as crowds on the sidewalk yelled, spat, cursed, and raged. A group of nuns were subjected to some of the more explicit suggestions. And this was America, not 1930s Germany or other dark spots of contemporary civilization.

Then it was over. Nothing had happened, nothing had changed. The troops left and we got into our cars.

At one point, Robert Farnsworth '65 and I stopped the car to pee. The other passengers yelled: "Morons, you'll get us killed!" Nothing happened. We got out of Alabama. I was actually happy to be in Georgia.

What did we accomplish? We showed up; we were counted; we came to understand how other people live with fear and violence. Did we change anything? A bit.

Today, I'm not so sure. I'd do it over again in a thumping heartbeat. 🐾

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